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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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DATE: February 23, 1950

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The captioned confidential informant is presently testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In a release to the press, the HCUA indicated that Cvetic had stated that on November 11, 1947, he personally met with Henry Wallace and C. B. Baldwin in a hotel room in Pittsburgh. The Director asked whether Cvetic had given this information to the Bureau.

The Director further asked how long Cvetic had been furnishing information to the Bureau, either as a paid informant or prior to the time we started paying him.

Inasmuch as the answer to either of the questions asked by the Director were not readily available in the Bureau's files, I called SAC Thornton of the Pittsburgh Office at 3:05 P.M., February 23, 1950, and asked him to furnish the Bureau with the requested information by teletype.

Mr. Thornton stated this would be done.

ACTION: It is suggested that this memorandum be routed to Supervisor C. B. Howard of the Internal Security Section.

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VERY URGENT

MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [redacted] RETEL CALL TO PITTSBURGH TODAY. PITTSBURGH FILES REFLECT LETTER TO BUREAU FEBRUARY TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN FORTYTWO CAPTIONED QUOTE MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI UNQUOTE ADVISING CVETIC AN UNPAID CNDI. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT ONCE A MONTH FOR YEAR PRIOR TO SAID LETTER. PITTSBURGH LETTER TO BUREAU FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, FORTYTHREE, CAPTIONED QUOTE MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [redacted] UNQUOTE ADVISED CVETIC HAD BEEN RECRUITED INTO CP ON FEBRUARY TWELVE, FORTYTHREE AND REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO PAY HIM FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER WEEK. BULET TO PITTSBURGH FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO, FORTYTHREE, AUTHORIZED SAID PAYMENT. INFORMANT LAST PAID AND DISCONTINUED JANUARY TWENTY-THREE, FIFTY. RE MEETING OF CVETIC, GEORGE WUCHINICH, C. B. BALDWIN AND HENRY WALLACE AT PITTSBURGH ON NOVEMBER 11, 1947, REFER TO PITTSBURGH LETTER TO BUREAU NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, FORTY-SEVEN, CAPTIONED QUOTE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, IS-C, RA UNQUOTE, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FIVE SIX SIX SEVEN FOUR. FOR INFORMATION, CVETIC REFERRED TO THIS OFFICE BY THIRD DISTRICT CSC IN MARCH THIRTYNINE AS BEING ELIGIBLE FOR SENIOR TYPIST POSITION. CVETIC, THEN EMPLOYED UNDER PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL SERVICE LAW AS INTERVIEWER WITH PENNSYLVANIA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, NOT DEEMED SATISFACTORY DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY AND LIMITATIONS OF HIS DESIRE TO WORK FOR BUREAU.

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cc Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Hoover

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Supervisor [redacted] of the WFO called at 3:50 P.M. today and advised that Cvetic finished testifying before the HCUA approximately five minutes previously. [redacted] said that the last thing Cvetic did on the stand was to turn over two suitcases full of records in response to a subpoena duces tecum. These records were of activities of the American Slav Congress, the Progressive Party, showing activities in connection with the American Slav Congress, bank statements, cancelled checks, etc. of the Civil Rights Congress.

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[redacted] said that as soon as the Agent who covered this hearing returned to the office he will have him prepare a summary of the testimony of Cvetic. Additionally, he said the WFO will obtain a copy of the complete transcript for submission to the Bureau just as soon as one is available.

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Wallace Angled For Red Votes, Says FBI Agent

A paid undercover agent for the FBI yesterday testified that Henry A. Wallace privately solicited Communist party support for his Presidential bid in 1948.

Matthew Cvetic, who spied for the FBI as a stoolpigeon organizer among the Commies for seven years, told the House un-American activities committee that he was approached by Wallace and his political manager, C. B. (Beanie) Baldwin, on Nov. 11, 1947, in a Pittsburgh hotel room. Cvetic was accompanied by George Wuchinich, official of the American Slav congress, which was described by Cvetic as "Moscow-inspired and directed."

Discussed New Party

Cvetic said Wallace and Baldwin discussed the setting up of a "new Progressive party" and "questioned us at length on the number of Slav votes we could deliver."

Acting Chairman Walter (D) of Pennsylvania asked Cvetic if Wallace and Baldwin had been "aware that you were Communists."

"I assume they were," the witness replied. "They're both intelligent men."

Cvetic pointed out that the Wallace people who arranged the conference certainly knew he and Wuchinich were Reds because of an expose the day before in a Pittsburgh newspaper. He added that when the Progressive party was formally announced in January of 1948 "we took immediate steps to get control of the party mechanism." The Communist party, he asserted, "had what is known as a political mission to carry the party line into the Progressive party."

Polled 4,000 Votes

"How many votes did the Progressive party poll in western Pennsylvania during the election?" asked committee counsel Tavenner. Cvetic said "about 4,000, I believe." He said active Communist membership in the Pittsburgh industrial area has fallen from 800 to 550 since 1948.

But he pointed out that the Communists—with his help—were able to control the 2,800 union members in the Crucible Steel company by placing 10 party members in key positions.

Cvetic quoted Communist leaders as saying that "we can't have a successful revolution here without controlling the basic industries and that "if we can move Pittsburgh an inch we can move the country a mile."

Did Cvetic ever report this incident to us?

What were the dates Cvetic worked for us either paid or not?

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FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

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PURPOSE

To advise of the dates that Cvetic was utilized as a confidential informant and that he furnished the Pittsburgh Office a report concerning his meeting with Henry Wallace and C. B. Baldwin in Pittsburgh on November 11, 1947.

BACKGROUND

In connection with the attached news article appearing in the Washington "Times-Herald" of February 23, 1950 concerning Cvetic's testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee about being approached by Henry Wallace in Pittsburgh on November 11, 1947 for Communist Party support in the 1948 Presidential elections, you inquired: "What were the dates Cvetic worked for us either paid or not?" and "Did Cvetic ever report this incident to us?"

DETAILS

Pittsburgh by memorandum dated February 26, 1942 advised the Bureau of Cvetic's background and position and of the fact that he was furnishing confidential information concerning Communist activities in the Pittsburgh area. Cvetic had been contacted by the Pittsburgh Office on an average of once a month for approximately one year prior to February 26, 1942. Cvetic became a paid informant February 16, 1943 and continued in such capacity until January 23, 1950. (66-2542-3-39-84)

On November 12, 1947, Cvetic reported to the Pittsburgh Office that he and George Wuchinich, Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, met with Henry Wallace and C. B. Baldwin on the morning of November 11, 1947 in Pittsburgh. During this meeting, Cvetic reported that Wallace evidenced interest in the possibilities of organizing a Third Party movement in Western Pennsylvania and Wallace sought the opinions of Cvetic and Wuchinich as to the extent to which Western Pennsylvania Slavs would participate in such a movement.

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Wallace and Baldwin, who at that time was National Executive Vice Chairman of the Progressive Citizens of America (PCA), were in Pittsburgh where Wallace on the evening of November 10, 1947 addressed a mass meeting held at the Syria Mosque under the sponsorship of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the PCA. The PCA was the organization which sponsored the numerous appearances throughout the United States of Henry Wallace in preparation for the formation of the Third Party (Progressive Party). The PCA was cited by the California Joint Fact-Finding Committee as a Communist front in its 1948 report to the Legislature.

The information furnished by Cvetic concerning his meeting with Wallace and information reported by Cvetic concerning Wallace's speech at the Syria Mosque on November 10, 1947 were submitted to the Bureau by Pittsburgh in a memorandum dated November 29, 1947. (100-56674-1016) This information was subsequently set forth in reports relating to the investigations of the PCA and George Wuchinich, who is a Key Figure in the Pittsburgh Office. Copies of such reports have been furnished to the Department. (100-346126-8; 100-338892-291)

ACTION

None. For your information.

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...eds Wooing Coal Strikers, Says Cvetic

By The Associated Press

Testimony indicating that 50 youth leaders of a Communist-front organization may be seeking to prolong the critical coal strike was laid before the House Un-American Activities Committee yesterday.

Matthew Cvetic, of Pittsburgh, former FBI undercover agent, said he had been informed two weeks ago that the alleged radicals were distributing food to the miners "as bait" while passing around copies of the Daily Worker, a Communist newspaper.

Cvetic said he was informed of these tactics by Bill Gordon, whom he identified as a Communist organizer.

The witness said Gordon told him that 50 emissaries of the Labor Youth League had been transported from New York to "work in the coal fields" spreading the party line.

Controlled by Communists

Cvetic said the Youth League was created and controlled by the Communist Party.

So far, he said, the Communists "have not made much progress" getting into key positions in John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers Union.

In Uniontown a UMW official confirmed Cvetic's statement concerning distribution of the Daily Worker to striking miners.

The official, Paul Terreta, president of the Isabella local at Weirton Coal Co., said miners in his territory usually refused to accept copies and the food that went with them.

Cvetic testified for the third day about serving seven years for the FBI within the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, unfolding a story of alleged Red plots for violent overthrow of the United States.

In his testimony yesterday, Cvetic told the lawmakers:

1. That Communist leader Steve Nelson constantly spoke of the United States as "the enemy."

2. That in the event of war with Russia, the Communist Party taught him it would be his job "to wage war against my own Government to the point of revolution and to overthrow it."

He said every Communist gets the same teachings.

3. That Radio Station WLOA at Braddock, Pa., has been used to broadcast scripts prepared by Communist leaders.

Cvetic said, however, that as far as he knows the people in charge of station WLOA are not Reds.

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Was any such information given us by Cvetic?

Memo necessary - see Pittsburgh tel of 2-28. 5-0 re Matthew Cvetic

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: 2/24/50

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information, 3 articles and 1 editorial which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of 2/21/50; 2 articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of 2/21/50; 1 article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of 2/22/50; 3 articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of 2/22/50; 1 article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" of 2/22/50; 2 articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of 2/23/50; 5 articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of 2/23/50; 1 article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" of 2/23/50; and 2 articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" of 2/24/50.

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Father Tasch, who stated that he teaches at Catholic University, contacted me telephonically regarding Matt Cvetic. He stated that Cvetic used to attend one of his classes and that he had not seen him for several years and was anxious to get in touch with him. Father Tasch spoke of Cvetic as being an FBI agent.

I advised Father Tasch that Cvetic was not an FBI agent; that he was here testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and that we were not in contact with him. Father Tasch stated he saw in the newspapers where Cvetic was under guard and that he thought that probably the FBI was keeping some check on him and that, therefore, he would be able to find out Cvetic's address from us. I informed Father Tasch that this was not correct and that he might desire to contact the HCUA for Cvetic's address.

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Attached is a summary of Cvetic's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on February 21, 1950.

This is to advise that the Washington Field Office has been instructed to obtain a transcript of Cvetic's testimony when it is made up. Upon receipt of this transcript at the Bureau, it will be reviewed and analyzed in light of information appearing in the Bureau's files.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 21, 1950

FROM : Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING MATTHEW CVETIC

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CVETIC testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities commencing February 21, 1950, concerning his Communist Party activities in Western Pennsylvania. The following is a summary of CVETIC's testimony. The name spellings indicated below are for the most part phonetic.

FEBRUARY 21, 1950

CVETIC said that he was asked to volunteer for undercover work in April 1941, and that he had been approached by an agent (did not indicate if agent was an FBI agent or representing any particular governmental agency) and asked to join the Communist Party. His first step was to make friends with known or suspected Communist Party members in the United States Employment Service in Pittsburgh. He furnished the names of members of the Communist Party who were with USES.

SIDNEY HOROWITZ, Senior interviewer with USES
DOROTHY SLOAN
PAULINE JACOBS
ANDY NOVAK, who was instrumental in getting CVETIC into the Communist Party

CVETIC said he was recruited by ELIZABETH CURLEY FLYNN and that his membership card in the Communist Party was signed by ANDY NOVAK. CVETIC said he was first assigned to the Professional Branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. He named the following individuals who were also affiliated in this branch.

STEVE DEVUNICK
JACK STROBLE
M. Y. STEINBERG
PAUL MORRISON
MARTIN KRASICH
JACK and BARBARA SHAW
MIRCO MARKROVITCH
LEE KOGAN (Organizer for UE)
DOLLY GAINOR

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The Professional Branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh was named the Tom Paine Professional Branch. CVETIC listed the various Communist Groups in and around Pittsburgh with which he had been affiliated as follows:

Tom Paine Group, member of Executive Committee
Northside Group, member of Executive Committee
East End Group, member of Executive Committee
Lawrenceville Group, branch organizer

CVETIC furnished the names of the Communist Party members affiliated with these various groups previously mentioned.

Northside Group

JOE MENKIN
JOHN DITTMAR
MARC LOVITT (now expelled)
JIM GOLSON
EDDIE IANG
DICK SOYNE
JOE MAZZI
HAMP GOLDEN

East End Group

DOLLY GAINOR (Chairman)
ESTHER BROCK (UOPWA)
LOUIS VILITICH
DOROTHY SLOAN
RUTH GOLDMAN

Lawrenceville Group

MARTIN HARRISON
JOHN JENCA
ELEANOR SACKER

NATIONALITY COMMISSION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

CVETIC stated that he was a member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, both on a national and local scale. He described the local commission as being made up of various sections, such as the Croatian, Serbian, Slovak, Jewish, and Polish, and he specifically named various Communists who fall into these various categories and whose duties were to carry the Communist Party line to the particular class of people they represented. Among those named by CVETIC are the following:

Croatian

FRANK BORICH
ARTHUR BARTL
STEVE MIRKOVICH
FRANK TRADEJ
LEO FISHER
MARY SUMRAK
ANNA and STEVE DEVUNICH

Serbian

MILO MANULA
GEORGE WUCHINICH
CHARLES VUICK
_____ VALTICH

Slovak

CALVIN BROOK
JOHN ZUSKOR

CVETIC also furnished the dates and places where the Nationality Commission had held meetings.

American Slav Congress

CVETIC stated that in 1947 he was made Executive Secretary for this organization, with which he had been associated since 1944, when he had been elected as delegate, as determined by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party. At that time, he was a member of the U.S.E.S., CIO Union member, and was a Communist Party worker within that Union. CVETIC described meetings held planning the national convention of the American Slav Congress in September, 1944. These meetings were held at the District Communist Party Office, as well as the local International Workers Order office. CVETIC named some twelve Communist Party members who aided in preparation for this convention, where resolutions and names of Communist Party members who were to be officers, etc., were determined. CVETIC said that these were policy-making meetings and every function of the convention for the American Slav Congress was in the hands of the Communist Party. CVETIC stated that within the office of the American Slav Congress was a Communist Party member who dictated the program of the Congress, as handed down from the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party.

CVETIC mentioned that he had been asked by ROY HUDSON to withdraw as Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress so that GEORGE WUCHINICH,

Communist Party member, could be put in his place, the reason being that WUCHINICH, who was a veteran, could carry on the work within this organization without being subject to attack. It was later brought out by the Committee that WUCHINICH served with the OSS in Yugoslavia during the last war.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

CVETIC listed the following Communist controlled organizations:

Labor Press Commission
American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born
International Workers Order
Civil Rights Congress
Languages Press of Pittsburgh

Labor Press Commission:

CVETIC advised that he was a member of this organization and that it had been set up by the Communist Party to raise money for the Communist Party Sunday and Daily Worker, and that this was actually a Communist Party organization, rather than a front. CVETIC furnished the names of Communist Party members active in this group, among whom were:

BEN CAREATCHERS
PAT CUSH
TOM FITZPATRICK
Himself
_____ HANUSAIK

American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born:

CVETIC said he was a member of the National Board of this organization. The function of this Committee was to carry out the legal defense of Communist Party members, such as in deportation proceedings, and CVETIC furnished the example of GERHART EISLER's case, stating that the Committee raised funds for the defense of EISLER. CVETIC named ABNER GREEN and M. Y. STEINBERG as Communist Party members of the National Board.

International Workers Order:

CVETIC stated that he was a member of the IWO, but held no official position. CVETIC stated that he understood that the IWO had reserved funds in the amount of approximately $26,000,000. The IWO aided the Communist Party by taking large pages in the Communist Party publications, such as the Daily Worker. CVETIC stated that the IWO gives insurance benefits to its members, and that it operates as a fraternal order. Communist Party members are expected to become members of the IWO. CVETIC then named several Communists who were members of the IWO, among whom were:

NICK BALTICH
HELEN GRABEL
JOHN ZUSKAR
JOHN MIDDLETON

Civil Rights Congress:

CVETIC stated he had been a member of the Executive Committee. This organization was set up in Western Pennsylvania subsequent to several meetings called by the District Communist Party Organization, which had set up plans for putting the CRC into effect. CVETIC named the various secretaries of the CRC, all of whom were known to be Communist Party members:

MILO MAMULA
THERESA TURNER

SPECIAL EMPHASIS PLACED ON CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS BY COMMITTEE

1. CVETIC named BOLESLAW GEBERT as a Communist Party member who had been active in the Communist Party Nationality Commission. The Committee pointed out that BOLESLAW GEBERT fled to Poland aboard the Batory, August 16, 1947, although as early as February, 1933, GEBERT had been the subject of deportation proceedings.

2. Concerning TOM FITZPATRICK, whom CVETIC had described as a Communist Party organizer in the United Electrical Workers Union, the Committee pointed out that FITZPATRICK had been before the House Committee on August 10, 1949, and had refused to answer whether he was or was not a Communist Party member.

3. Considerable mention was made of STEVE NELSON's activities, STEVE NELSON presently being the Communist Party organizer in Western Pennsylvania.

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4. [redacted] was mentioned as having attended a meeting in the Lincoln Hotel (city and state not known), at which CVETIC was present, and at which time [redacted] offered the services of [redacted] to aid the cause of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party. [redacted] referred to himself as a Communist, and those present at the meeting as comrades. CVETIC named others present at the meeting, and indicated that STEVE NELSON, who was also present, advised [redacted] at this time that he would vouch for all persons present.

5. JOSEPH RUDIAK, who was named by CVETIC as Chairman of the American Slav Congress and a local Communist Party member, appeared in 1949 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the Committee now points out that at the time of RUDIAK's hearing he refused to answer the question whether he was or was not a Communist.

10 a.m. February 22, 1950

PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

CVETIC stated he was a member of the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania, which he knows to be under Communist Party influence. CVETIC stated that a Communist Party Political Committee was created by the Communist Party to carry the Communist Party line into the Progressive Party. The Communist Party organizer in Western Pennsylvania, STEVE NELSON, was made head of this committee. CVETIC advised that members of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania were instructed to join the Progressive Party. CVETIC testified that there were some 4,000 members of the Progressive Party in Western Pennsylvania, and that there were approximately 550 Communist Party members in Western Pennsylvania. He stated that an actual count of the Communist Party members is not now possible since in 1948 all lists and membership cards were ordered destroyed, but he stated he had turned his own records over to the FBI, and also stated that he had acted as a paid undercover agent for the FBI. CVETIC named, among others, the following officers of the Progressive Party as Communist Party members:

ALEX WRIGHT
PAUL GRIFFEN
NICK LAZARIS
GEORGE WUCHINICH

CVETIC stated that various policies of the Progressive Party were discussed and formed at District Communist Party meetings and Functionary Communist Party meetings in Western Pennsylvania. He stated that he had been in attendance at these meetings.

CVETIC described a meeting in HENRY WALLACE's hotel room at the Schenley Hotel, Pittsburgh, at which CVETIC and GEORGE WUCHINICH discussed with HENRY WALLACE and "BEANY" BALDWIN the potential number of Slav votes that could be gotten for the Progressive Party. CVETIC stated that at that time both himself and WUCHINICH had been publicly exposed as Communists by the Pittsburgh press, and that the local Progressive Party officers knew them to be Communists. The conclusion reached from this was that both WALLACE and BALDWIN also must have known that they were Communists.

CVETIC further named JOE SARTISKY and GEORGE NICHOLS as Communist Party members, both of whom were very active in the Progressive Party.

LANGUAGE PRESS OF PITTSBURGH

CVETIC advised that the Language Press published Communist publications for the Croatian Press, Slovak Press, and the Serbian Press, for the benefit of these various counsels under the Nationality Commission, and that all of these publications carried the Communist Party line. The Press also published annual calendars and an almanac which also carried the Communist Party line.

COMMUNIST PARTY INVASION OF THE BASIC INDUSTRIES

Because of the great steel concentration in Western Pennsylvania, CVETIC stated that the Communist Party recognized the need for organizing among the steel unions in Western Pennsylvania. Thus, the Communist Party set up a Steel Commission within the Party which met regularly to formulate policies which could be carried into the Steel Mills. ROY HUDSON, who was

STEVE NELSON's predecessor as Western Pennsylvania Communist Party organizer, was initially head of this Commission, which started concentration on the steel mills in 1945. The steel concentration points were listed as follows: Homestead, Pennsylvania; Braddock, Pennsylvania; and McKeesport, Pennsylvania; all United States Steel Plants; plus the plants at Lawrenceville, and the Jones and Laughlin Plant. This steel concentration program was initially hammered out in 1945 at the National Communist Party Convention. CVETIC recalled a District Party meeting in 1948 at which time HENRY WINSTON made a main report from New York stressing the importance of Western Pennsylvania as a focal point to bring the United States into Socialism. It was brought out at this time that because of the concentration of the basic industries in Western Pennsylvania, it is necessary to first bring Communism to these basic industries to promote the advent of Socialism.

HENRY WINSTON then pointed out that the National Committee considered this so important that it was bringing STEVE NELSON in to relieve ROY HUDSON. The National Board also sent to Western Pennsylvania ANDY ONDA to work with STEVE NELSON, and ONDA was made the steel organizer under STEVE NELSON. CVETIC advised that ONDA distributed considerable literature among the steel plants through the various representatives in the plants, but that his reports at the local Communist meetings on recruiting at the steel plants were not good. During an eighteen month period not more than twenty-five new members to the Communist Party were recruited. CVETIC quoted one JIM DOLSON, Communist Party leader in Western Pennsylvania, as having said, "I don't see how we can have a successful revolution without the control of basic industry."

CVETIC named ELEANOR SACKER, BESSIE and ALEX STEINBERG, and BILL GORDEN as organizers in the steel plants working under ANDY ONDA. CVETIC quoted BILL GORDEN as stating, "If we can move Pittsburgh an inch, we can move the country a mile."

CVETIC described his activities as an organizer among steel workers in 1945 at the Crucible Steel Company, Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. He advised that during a three year period possibly a total of twenty-two Communist Party members were recruited at this particular mill, and stated that at the time the number of Communist Party members at this particular plant reached twelve in number, they were able to gain control of the Union consisting of 2800 members.

CVETIC named his helpers in organizing Communist Party members at the steel mill as follows:

DAVE BANDT
ELEANOR SACKER
MIKE SAUNDERS

United Electrical Workers Union

CVETIC stated he was never assigned work in this particular union but that he had attended District meetings of the Communist Party where the United Electrical Workers Union was discussed, and he stated that the following individuals were dispersed around at the various electrical establishments in and about Pittsburgh:

TOM FITZPATRICK
TOM QUINN
ALICE ROTH
NAT ALBERTS

TOM FITZPATRICK was described as the principal worker for the Communist Party among the United Electrical Workers, and FITZPATRICK made reports as to the accomplishments of recruiting in the Westinghouse Plant, East Pittsburgh.

The Committee at this point brought out that TOM QUINN, August 11, 1949, was also called as witness before House Committee and refused to answer the question as to whether he was or was not a Communist Party member.

CVETIC was asked by the Committee if any unusual activity was noted by him at the time the subpoena for individuals such as FITZPATRICK and QUINN came to the attention of the Communist Party. CVETIC stated that two meetings were called by STEVE NELSON. At these meetings, Party members were asked how to answer the question, "Are you a member of the Communist Party?" They were advised to answer that on the basis of the constitution they could not answer the question, relying on the first and fifth amendments. Other Communist Party members associated with the UEW were named as LEO TURNER and CHARLES NEWELL.

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Coal Industry

CVETIC named one ABE KISH, also known as GEORGE KANE, as the principal Communist Party organizer in the coal industry. CVETIC then named various organizers in the various counties active in the coal industry, but stated that the Communist Party had never been very successful in recruiting among the United Mine Workers.

Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Western Pennsylvania

CVETIC described a Communist Party cell which exists in the major hotels in Pittsburgh and is also responsible for carrying into the Hines Plant, Northside section of Pittsburgh, the Communist Party line. The main organizers and members of this cell were named as follows:

JOE MANKIN (key organizer)
NICK LAZARIS
GEORGE NICHOLS
EDDIE LANG
NAT GOLDEN
HELEN KOMPOS

Labor Youth League

In 1949 CVETIC stated he attended a meeting of the Communist Party Functionary at which time the importance of setting up a youth league was discussed. It was pointed out that ALBERTSON, local secretary of the District Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania, made the statement that Hitler won the youth in Germany to wage a war, and also something to the effect that the youth in Russia had necessarily been won over so a successful revolution could be waged. As a result, the Labor Youth League was set up with the policies of that organization dictated from the District Board of the Communist Party as well as the National Board. CVETIC named organizers in youth work and persons who were active in youth work. He stated the youth program was completely controlled by the Communist Party.

INDIVIDUALS REGARDED BY CVETIC AS COMMUNIST PARTY HIGH COMMAND IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

STEVE NELSON (Organizer)
ANDY ONDA (Steel)
WILLIAM ALBERTSON (District Secretary, Communist Party)

DIRECTOR, FBI February 24, 1950

BEN CAREATHERS (Negroes)
LEO FISHER (Nationality Groups)
DAVE GRANT (Organizer in East Pittsburgh and active at Westinghouse Electric Company)
SAM REED (General Electric Company at Erie)
BILL GORDEN (Assistant to ONDA)
JOE MANKIN (Hotel and Restaurant Workers)
ALEX WRIGHT (Progressive Party)
MILO MANULA (Civil Rights Congress)
GEORGE WUCHINICH (American Slav Congress)
HAROLD ORZCIK (Youth League)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher

DATE: February 27, 1950

FROM : V. P. Keay

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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Mr. Edward Duggan, of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, in Washington, D. C., telephonically contacted Superviser John E. Foley, on February 24, 1950, to ask whether the Bureau had any objection to his service interviewing the above individual with a view toward utilizing his services as an expert witness. Mr. Duggan pointed out that his service is very much in need of expert witnesses in deportation proceedings and inasmuch as this individual apparently suits the needs of INS in that field, he asked if the Bureau had any objection to so utilizing him. Mr. Duggan pointed out that Cvetic has been a member of the Communist Party for approximately seven years and was used in an under cover capacity by the Bureau. He has appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities recently. Mr. Duggan desired an expeditious reply in view of the fact that he, or some other representative of his service, desires to interview Cvetic immediately before his return to his home

RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be routed to Mr. Baumgardner for appropriate reply.

JEF:ejj

February 28, 1950

ADDENDUM:

The Commissioner, INS was advised by Bulet of January 18, 1950, Bufile 100-61314-162, that Cvetic was available for interview and it was suggested that he be interviewed immediately.

G. E. Irwin

Duggan - will be advised accordingly - JEF

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Reported Active in Erie

'Sam Reed' Revealed Leader of Red Drive

Communist party infiltration into UE workers at the Erie General Electric plant was assigned to a man identified as Sam Reed, a specialist in his line of activity, according to testimony Wednesday in Washington before the House Un-American Activities committee.

Matthew Cvetic, Pittsburgh insurance man, said Reed was one of 12 specialists which the Communist Party used in western Pennsylvania, where today there are 550 members as against about 800 in 1948.

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THE SPECIALISTS worked under the direction of Steve Nelson, who is known as the Communist Party's chief organizer in the district, Cvetic testified.

Cvetic joined the Communist Party in 1943 at the request of the FBI and worked himself up in Communist councils in western Pennsylvania while reporting to the Justice Department.

Cvetic told the committee that the United Electric Workers Union was a fertile field for Communist Party infiltration.

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REED WAS assigned to the Erie General Electric plant, Dave Grant to Westinghouse at Sharon and Jack Sartisky to the UE plant at Northside, Pittsburgh.

But Cvetic told the committee, Tom Fitzpatrick at Westinghouse in Pittsburgh was considered the outstanding Communist party member at work among the electrical workers. Others were Tom Quinn, Alice Roth, Nate Alberts and Steve Rosner, Cvetic declared.

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THE WITNESS also told the Committee that Leo Turner, organizer for District 6 of the UE, and Charles Newell, international representative of District 6, are both Communist Party members.

The Progressive Party is, in western Pennsylvania, controlled by the Communist Party, Cvetic added.

All Communists in western Pennsylvania are members of the Progressive Party, Cvetic's testimony asserted.

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FBI Scores Again

Matthew Cvetic's story is another almost fantastic chapter in the struggle against Communism in this country. He is another central character in the FBI's dramatic principle of fighting fire with fire.

For nine years Mr. Cvetic (that's pronounced Sa-vet-tick) posed successfully as a Communist, so successfully that he became one of the Party leaders in western Pennsylvania.

But for the same nine years, he painstakingly gathered information for the FBI against this gang who seek our overthrow.

It is an amazing story.

His revelation of data concerning the Communist Party is proof once again that the FBI has not been asleep to the danger in our midst.

It is also proof of the scope of subversive activities against our government: how these Russian sympathizers work as they spread confusion and sabotage among us.

The Cvetic story undoubtedly has hit the Communist Party hard. Who else has the FBI placed in their midst? What other "insiders" are really on our side?

Their consternation and fear suits us just fine. We hope it drives the Comrades right out of their queer little minds.

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Commie Front Gifts Linked To 'High Ups'

Check Stubs Among 80 Pounds of Data

CLOAK AND DAGGER

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By TONY SMITH
Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—Matt Cvetic began identifying 200 more Pittsburgh district Communists today from 80 pounds of documents he turned over to the House spy hunters.

He already has named publicly more than 120 Western Pennsylvania Communists in three days of congressional hearings.

Investigators and lawyers closeted themselves with the former FBI undercover man to sift the contents of two large suitcases Mr. Cvetic dumped into the Un-American Activities Committee's files at the close of yesterday's public hearing.

Subject to Recall

They held the one-time "Commie" leader from Pittsburgh under a tight subpena, meanwhile, to prevent other congressional committees and Government departments from getting him. He is subject to recall in public session at any time. Indications are that the new names will be revealed publicly early next week.

Committee members said the documentary evidence is so voluminous and extensive that some time might be needed to organize it for public presentation.

Some of it is described as "touchy stuff" from a political standpoint, particularly documents taken from the confidential files of the American Slav Congress. Mr. Cvetic and other witnesses have described the organization as the "top Communist Party" front unit in the United States. It was labeled a Communist front by the Justice Department in 1948.

Check Stubs Included

Among other things, the documents contain bank statements, check stubs, minute books, radio transcripts, Letters, credentials, accounting statements, etc. They were taken from the files of the American Slav Congress, the Progressive Parties of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, and the Civil Rights Congress.

The material details numerous inside activities of the three organizations. Mr. Cvetic has testified that all of them were controlled outright by the Communist Party.

The check stubs appeared to be drawing most interest. They are believed to represent financial contributions to the Commie front organizations, including some from public officials who sought the Slav Congress support in political campaigns.

A number of Congressmen are said to be included on the list of contributors and among the names of those participating in various activities of the front organizations.

An indication of the impor-

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Cvetic to Name 200 More District Reds

Spy Hunters Given 80 Pounds of Data

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tance of the documents to the Communist leaders was drawn from Mr. Cvetic's sworn assertion these men several times ordered him to destroy the records.

The latest order came just a short time ago from William Albertson, district secretary for the Communist Party, Mr. Cvetic said. He explained the orders were relayed from Albertson to him by Milo Mamula. He quoted Mamula as saying:

"Bill Albertson says to get those records to hell out and burn them before the FBI or some other Government investigators pick them up."

Cvetic Stalled

To make it look right, the witness said, he stalled for a number of weeks.

Originally, the documents were kept at the American Slav Congress headquarters. When that closed, Mr. Cvetic testified, they were moved to 943 Liberty Ave. in Pittsburgh, where he said Mamula runs a travel agency. That's where he got them, the witness added.

Mr. Cvetic pleaded for full cooperation of the various anti-Communist groups in labor, management, agriculture, Government and Congress to carry on the fight.

Penalty for Work

He added:

"Now that my story has been told publicly, I expect to be the victim of Communist Party character assassination. This is the 'penalty' inflicted by the Communist Party for what I have done here. And, from what I read in the newspapers—some of them—it already has begun. But I expected it. I've done it often enough myself."

How do the rank and file members get the "party line" in international affairs? Mr. Cvetic said the methods used in Pittsburgh is to feed the members from copies of the Cominform bulletin, published weekly in Bucharest.

The publication is sold to advanced functionaries of the party. He explained these, in turn, pass it down the line to party members on the lower levels.

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Pro-Commie Papers Launch Bitter Attack on Cvetic

North Side Slavic Organ Opens Campaign
Former FBI Undercover Man Expected

The pro-Communist Slavic newspapers published on the North Side have launched their expected attack on Matt Cvetic, the FBI informant who exposed them as Red tools.

The opening gun in the "smear campaign" against Mr. Cvetic was fired by "Narodni Glasnik" (People's Voice), a Croatian-language daily printed at 1916 East St.

Mr. Cvetic told the House Un-American Activities Committee this print shop is controlled outright by the Communist Party. Two other papers—the Slovak "Narodne Noviny" (People's News) and the Serbian "Slobona Rec" (Free Expression) — also are published there.

Branded 'Judas'

Narodni Glasnik reprinted in full a violent statement by Steve Nelson, chairman of the Communist Party here, in which Mr. Cvetic was pictured as a "Judas," a "stoolpigeon" and other names.

"The name for Matt Cvetic now is the same as for stoolpigeon," said Narodni Glasnik. "It is the vilest word known to the American worker and to all who believe in democracy.

'Whining Hysteria'

"It does not make much difference how much Matt Cvetic's reaction can bring, we have every hope that the American people will not allow that our democracy be annihilated by the whining hysteria of anti-Communistic campaigning."

The statement also called Mr. Cvetic a "false patriot" and a "traitor" because he worked for his Government to get the goods on the Commies here.

In his testimony, Mr. Cvetic listed Leo Fischer as current editor of Narodni Glasnik. He declared Fischer also is a member of the Communist Party's Nationality Commission, which, he said, directs the infiltration of foreign groups throughout the U. S.

Others Cvetic Named

Others connected with the North Side papers whom Mr. Cvetic named as "known Communists" included Mary Sumrak, Arthur Barti, Daisy Lolich, Nick Baltich, Calvin Brook, Steve Mirkovich, John Rusin, Helen Vrabel, Charles Vuich, John Zuskar, Anthony Minerich, Mane Susnjar and John Vidmar.

In its vitriolic attack on Mr. Cvetic, Narodni Glasnik said "black reactionary forces" are out to crush American labor.

It also assailed County Court Judge Blair F. Gunther, before whom Mr. Cvetic first testified at a secret hearing earlier this month, and ex-Congressman John McDowell of Wilkinsburg, once a member of the House spy-hunting group.

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Cvetic-Red List Of Names Now 146

Others Revealed In New Group

From Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—Testimony given by Matt Cvetic, ex-FBI informant, to the House Un-American Activities Committee showed today he identified 146 persons as "known Communists" connected with the party's "apparatus" in Pittsburgh.

Among those described by Mr. Cvetic as "known Communists" whose names have not been published previously in The Press were the following:

Mary Borich, apparently a relative of Frank, who is facing deportation as an undesirable alien.

Lou Bortz, who Mr. Cvetic says employs Harold (Sonny) Orlick, Communist youth leader in Pittsburgh.

Steve Loyen, formerly with the Slav papers published on the North Side, now back in Yugoslavia.

Anne Traven, identified as a leader in nationality circles.

John Bostjancich.

Martin Cetinski.

Avrom Landy.

Jack Lencl.

Yardish (no first name listed), whom Mr. Cvetic described as a Canadian Communist active in Croatian circles around Pittsburgh.

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80 POUNDS OF COMMIE DATA—Matthew Cvetic (standing), an FBI undercover man in the Communist Party for nine years, yesterday wound up the first phase of his testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee. He then turned 80 pounds of records over to Chairman Francis, Easton Democrat, for further investigation.

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2 Accused as R Get Union Order

'Deny Charges Or Resign'

The choice of making public denials they are Communists or resigning has been given two officers of the hotel union here.

The ultimatum to Business Agent Nick Lazari and Employment Manager George Nichols came from John Kenny, president of A. F. of L. Hotel & Restaurant Employes' Alliance Local 237.

Both were identified before the House Un-American Activities Committee as Communists by Matt Cvetic, FBI undercover man in the party for nine years.

Monday Deadline

Mr. Kenny said he laid down the law to the two at a meeting of the union's 25-member board of officers.

They have been given until Monday night to decide what they want to do. Then the local will nominate officers for the coming year.

"If Lazari and Nichols refuse to accede to the board's wishes," Mr. Kenny declared, "I'll refuse to accept their names if they are nominated."

Reflection on Union

Mr. Kenny said that "the statement these men are connected with a subversive movement casts serious reflection on the integrity of this union and its 6500 members."

Most of the members of the union's board of officers, he pointed out, "are Roman Catholics, like myself."

Mr. Kenny reported that a third Local 237 member—Joe Mankin—also was named as a part of the Communist apparatus here by Mr. Cvetic.

But Mankin, Mr. Kenny said, holds no office in the union and is only a probationary employe of "one of the Downtown hotels."

Petitions Circulated

Petitions for Lazari's dismissal were reported to be circulating among the union's members.

Members of the union's executive board have not yet filed non-Communist affidavits, as required by the Taft-Hartley Law for use of the services of the National Labor Relations Board.

However, the board has gone on record in favor of filing the affidavits if it becomes involved in a case before the NLRB.

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Admits Cvetic Was FBI Man

Red Paper Calls Him 'Stoolpigeon'

It's official—Matt Cvetic was working for the FBI during the years he was a member of the Communist Party.

At least, it's official with the Communist Party. The Party's official organ, The Daily Worker says he was an FBI man.

The Daily Worker, however, doesn't use language quite that polite. It calls Mr. Cvetic—in the usual Communist lingo—a "stoolpigeon."

Second Verification

Verification of Mr. Cvetic's story by the Communist paper was the second to come from official Communist sources. The first came from Steve Nelson, Western Pennsylvania Party chairman, who said he had known for the past six months that Mr. Cvetic was working for the FBI.

The FBI hasn't commented.

The Daily Worker, in a story published yesterday, charged that the Washington hearings, in which Mr. Cvetic testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee were "carefully staged by the FBI and the Committee."

Paper's Charge

The hearings were timed so that the Communist disclosures of Mr. Cvetic would come just before the opening of the Progressive Party's convention today in Chicago the Red paper charged. The Daily Worker is an ardent supporter of the Progressive Party.

The same thing happened in 1948, when the National Board of the Communist Party was arrested just before the convention at which the Progressive Party nominated Henry A. Wallace for President, The Daily Worker claimed.

Eleven of the 12 members of the Communists Party's U. S. Politburo were convicted of conspiracy to teach and advocate overthrow of the U. S. Government by force and violence after their arrest in 1948.

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Cvetic to Name 200 More Reds Here

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Cvetic Set to Name 200 More Commies

By WILLIAM THEIS
International News Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Matthew Cvetic, ex-undercover FBI agent, estimated today he will be able to identify a "couple of hundred" additional Communist Party members from records he has given the House Un-American Activities Committee.

After completing a three-day public expose of Red activities, the 41-year-old Pittsburgher prepared to:

Testify before the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Justice Department on some "specific cases"—a hunt that deportation action may be taken against some persons he named.

Work through the 80 pounds of documents from "Communist front" organizations to sift out with committee investigators the names of other Communists. Cvetic said the records he furnished cover activities in Cleveland, New York, Chicago and Detroit, as well as Pittsburgh.

COMMENDED—

Acting Chairman Walter (Dem.) of Pennsylyania closed the public hearings with a tribute to the "remarkable courage" he said Cvetic displayed in spending seven years as a Communist Party member, while reporting Red activities secretly to the FBI.

The witness in turn sounded this warning for all Americans:

"The average American is interested in peace but the phoney peace drive organized by the Communist Party in the United States is organized for the sole purpose of disarming the American people in order to make it easier to bring communism to America."

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ALTERED FIGURES—

Cvetic told how Roy Hudson, district organizer of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, had him take industrial employment figures from files of the U. S. Employment Service office in early 1946. The witness said he first consulted the FBI and, on their instructions, finally gave Hudson some altered figures.

He recalled how recently William Albertson, district secretary of the Communist Party, ordered him through another party member to remove "front" organization records from their Pittsburgh office "before the FBI picks them up."

It was these records, stuffed into two suitcases, which ended up in the hands of the House committee. They include membership records, bank statements, canceled checks, and other documents of the American Slav Congress and the Civil Rights Congress, both identified by Cvetic as "Communist fronts."

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2 in AFL On Carpet As Reds

Two Pittsburgh AFL officials named as Communists by Matt Cvetic, FBI undercover agent who infiltrated the Red network, today had an ultimatum to deny the charge publicly or resign from office.

The two elected officials are Nick Lazari and George Nichols, dining employes business agent and employment manager, respectively, of AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employes Alliance, Local 237.

John J. Kenny, president of Local 237, called Lazari and Nichols before the union's board of officers yesterday and issued the ultimatum. After the meeting he told reporters:

"On Monday night, Local 237 will meet to nominate officers for the coming year. If Lazari and Nichols refuse to accede to the board's wishes, I will refuse to accept their names should they be placed in nomination."

CALLED 'ACTIVE'

Cvetic, in testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee, said Lazari and Nichols were active workers in the Communist "apparatus" in Western Pennsylvania.

He said he will name at least 200 more Reds when the Committee's public hearings resume Monday.

Perturbed at the accusations leveled at Lazari and Nichols, Kenny declared:

"The statement that these men are connected with a subversive movement casts serious reflection on the integrity of this union and its 6500 members.

"The Board of Officers of Local 237 is composed of 25 members, most of whom are Roman Catholics, like myself.

"The officers of Local 237, like myself, and the union as a whole have been—and still are—consistently opposed to Communism, Fascism or any other form of totalitarianism."

Kenny also took note of a third member of Local 237 named as a Communist by Cvetic. He commented:

"As to Joe Mankin, I would like to make it clear that he holds no office in Local 237. He is merely a probationary employe hired by one of the downtown hotels."

Petitions calling for Lazari's dismissal were circulated yesterday among Local 237 members in downtown hotels and restaurants. Those passing out petitions apparently were unaware that under Local 237's bylaws, any five members of the union could request a special meeting to consider the action.

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Reds Held Classes Here, Cvetic Tells House Probe

Communist Party classes were held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes St., Matt Cvetic told the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The 41-year-old Lawrenceville man, who posed as a Communist for nine years to gather information for the FBI, told the committee he attended such classes at the Squirrel Hill center.

It was incorporated in Common Pleas Court May 22, 1944 by order of Judge William H. McNaugher under the name of Yiddisher Kultur Farband.

Attorney Sylvia Schlessinger, Park Bldg., *(sister of Attorney Hyman Schlessinger, named before the House committee by Cvetic as a Communist)* filed the incorporation papers.

AIMS LISTED—

She said it was a non-profit organization and said its purpose was:

". . . to encourage the study of Jewish literature, music, painting, sculpture and the arts and cultural pursuits; to foster among its members and others an interest in Jewish literature, music, painting, sculpture, arts and cultural pursuits; to assist and encourage Jewish writers, scientists, musicians, painters, sculptors and artists generally to publish and distribute books, plays, magazines, pamphlets and other printed matter pertaining to the objects and purposes of the corporation; to lease, purchase and otherwise acquire any property, both real and personal whichever necessary, to carry out into effect the above mentioned purposes."

BUY PROPERTY—

Seven months later, the association acquired from the Fidelity Trust Co. the Forbes St. property which had been used as a home.

On Dec. 18, 1944, Joseph Saul, one of its incorporators and financial secretary, made application to the County Board for Property Assessment, Appeals and Review to have the property made tax free on the basis it was used for educational purposes.

Records in the tax board office show the two and one-half story home on a 70x170 foot lot was assessed for a total of $18,200.

The tax board for the years 1945 and thereafter gave the Jewish Culture Center an 85 per cent tax exemption. It was ordered to pay taxes on the remaining 15 per cent or an assessed valuation of $2730, amounting to $990 on

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land and $1500 on the building. Thus $15,470 of the property was declared tax free.

Saul said the tax bet the property was being "used for meetings of programs of literary and cultural nature."

He also said the local organization was affiliated with a national organization of the Yiddisher Kultur Farband, which was incorporated in New York on Sept. 9, 1942.

The other incorporators were:

Sam Jaffe, 305 Beech St., East Pittsburgh, president.

Morris Hirsch, 1803 Center Ave., vice president.

Sara Gordon, 6647 Wilkins Ave., recording secretary.

Dr. B. H. Valinsky, 5127 Center Ave.

Samuel Davis, 350 Ophelia St.

Joshua Lipman, 4910 Second Ave.

MYSTERY——

Lipman, Hazelwood jeweler, was mysteriously murdered in his jewelery store in July, 1948. He was opening his store at the time.

His wife said:

"He was not a Communist. He may have made a $5 donation and they just put his name down as an incorporator. The center tried to get a donation in his memory. I flatly refused them."

Saul, who lives at 5726 Beacon St., said he is not a Communist but is a member of the Progressive Party. He said he does not know Cvetic.

He said no political meetings are held at the center.

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Saul said officers of the organization do know that Max Jenkins, caretaker of the building, is a Communist. He cited an arrest of Jenkins in 1940 for circulating Communist election petitions as proof of their knowledge.

Jenkins, he said, has been working at the center since 1941. Saul added:

"There is nothing wrong with him. He is a gentleman."

Saul said he knows Henry Wallace and attended banquets for him when he was running on the Progressive ticket for President.

Jenkins denied that any Communistic meetings are held at the center. He said he has known Cvetic for two or three years and met him at meetings. He refused to tell where the meetings were held.

Saul is the manager of a Fifth Ave. clothing store. He said Morris Kodas is now the president of the center and that Harry Labovitz of 5633 Melvin St. is

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CHECKING DATA . . . Pittsburgher Matt Cvetic (right) helps C. E. Owens (left) and Donald Appell, House Un-American Activities investigators, check the data he collected in his seven years as an FBI undercover agent.

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Cvetic's Red Expose

Shakes Left-Wing UE

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Accused by Cvetic

Union Agent to Give Up Job Rather Than Deny He's Red

Lazaris Passes Up Chance to Clear Name; Admits Only That He's in Wallace Party

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Nick Lazaris will give up his job as business agent of Local 237, A. F. of L. Hotel and Restaurant Employes, rather than publicly deny he is a member of the Communist Party.

This was the decision he made after having been given a choice of the alternatives by the executive board of the union.

Lazaris was one of the Pittsburgh district labor leaders named as a Communist this week in Washington by Matt Cvetic, undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation who worked for years inside the Communist Party.

Lazaris

In announcing that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the business agent's post in the coming election, Lazaris admitted only that he is a member of the Progressive (Wallace) Party.

Mr. Cvetic testified that the Progressive Party is controlled outright in this area by the Commies.

Local 237 President John J. Kenny, in giving Lazaris the opportunity to deny the charge he is a Communist, said that his affiliation with the Party, if any, cast a serious reflection on the Americanism of the 6500 members of the union.

Mr. Cvetic also named George Nichols, employment manager for the union, as a Communist.

Mr. Kenny said he won't honor any move to renominate Nichols at Monday night's union meeting unless he denies Communist affiliation. So far Nichols hasn't said anything.

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LAZARI QUITS UNION, MUM ON RED CHARGE

Nick Lazari, named as a Communist by Matt Cvetic, today had resigned as dining room business agent of AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employes Alliance Local 237.

Bowing to an ultimatum of Local 237 President John J. Kenny to deny the charge or quit, Lazari tendered his resignation without specifically denying that he is a Red.

Lazari said the Red charges were inspired by Tom Troy, general manager of Hotel William Penn, and were designed to weaken the AFL union.

He said he would not be a candidate in Local 237's coming election, for which nominations will be made Monday night. Kenny had warned that he would not accept Lazari's name in nomination unless the latter publicly denied that he is a Communist.

George Nichols, employment manager of the local, who also was named as a Red by Cvetic was given the same ultimatum but so far has not replied.

Lazari said he is merely a member of the Progressive Party, adding:

"The voice is that of Matt Cvetic but the hand is that of Tom Troy and the hotel association, the sole purpose being to weaken . . . our union."

Cvetic, FBI undercover agent who masqueraded as a Communist for nine years, named Lazari and Nichols in testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee this week.

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Cvetic Sings U. S. Anthem

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 — Matt Cvetic, the FBI undercover agent, went to hear the U. S. Navy Band play last night—his first entertainment in more than two weeks. He said:

"They played the Star Spangled Banner, and I sang it louder than I have in nine years.

"As a Commie I couldn't put my heart in the singing of our anthem. But you should have heard me last night."

Cvetic took his son, Richard, 18, with him. He is a seaman first class in the Navy and stationed in Washington.

For nine years, Cvetic posed as one of Pittsburgh's top Red leaders while gathering information for the FBI. He quit the government agency in January and is testifying before the House Un-American Activities Committee about the Communist network in Western Pennsylvania.

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Union Officer Resigns Over Red Charges

Restaurant Workers' Agent Won't Deny He Is a Communist

Evasive as to whether he is a Communist, Nick Lazaris, union leader accused by an FBI informer of being a Red, yesterday resigned as business agent of Local 237, AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employes Alliance.

Lazaris, in a blistering statement, attacked Tom Troy, general manager of the William Penn, as the inspiration of charges that he was a Communist.

Acted on Ultimatum

His statement followed by less than 24 hours a notice from John J. Kenny, president of the local, to deny the charge he was a Communist or resign from office.

Lazaris, along with George Nichols, employment manager of the local, was accused as a Red by Matt Cvetic, FBI informer, who masqueraded as a Communist for seven years.

Says Is Progressive

Referring to Cvetic's charge, Lazaris said:

"The voice is that of Matt Cvetic but the hand is that of Tom Troy and the hotel association, the sole aim and purpose being to weaken . . . our union."

Lazaris said merely he is a member of the Progressive Party. He announced he would not be a candidate in the coming elections for which nominations will be made Monday night.

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Ban on Red Use Of Schools Urged

Demand Follows Cvetic Testimony

A School Board member demanded yesterday that the City's public schools be barred to the Communist Party and other subversive groups.

William J. Hart, who also is an official in the CIO United Steel Workers, said he will offer a resolution at the next meeting of the Board of Education March 21 to deny use of school buildings here to "all subversive elements."

Stop Subsidizing

"It is time we stop subsidizing the Communists by permitting them to use taxpayers' property to subvert the taxpayers' government," Mr. Hart declared.

"There is no reason we should allow subversive organizations to use school buildings when their avowed purpose is to destroy these very educational facilities."

Mr. Hart's demand is an outgrowth of testimony last week before the House Un-American Activities Committee by Matt Cvetic, former FBI informant.

Meet in Schools

Mr. Cvetic told the Committee the Communists and many of their front organizations meet frequently in Pittsburgh's public schools.

Some of the Congressmen expressed surprise at this and one—Rep. John McSweeney, Ohio Democrat—said he couldn't imagine there are many places in the country where this would be tolerated.

Mr. Hart said his resolution would bar the public schools to "all organizations declared subversive by the Attorney General of the U. S."

Respectable Look

Permitting such groups to use the public schools, Mr. Hart charged, coats them "with a veneer of respectability" which dupes many innocents.

"It also makes Communism look respectable in the eyes of school children," he added.

Mr. Hart said people often feel that if something is being held in a public school "there can't be anything wrong with it." Thus, he said, the present policy of permitting Communists to use

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the schools is "lending aid and comfort to the enemy."

Mr. Hart said the Communists need money to carry out their undertakings and raise much of it through "lectures," meetings, etc., in public schools at which many citizens may contribute unknowingly to "the cause."

"What good is it to investigate Communists," he asked, "if we don't fight them?

"It is time for us to stop being so naive about these subversive groups and become realistic in our dealings with them.

"Let them yell all they want about freedom of speech. They'd tear it down at the first opportunity and we should never forget that."

Mr. Cvetic testified in Washington that the Communists & their front organizations often meet in the Fifth Ave. High School and the A. Leo Weil School.

Other school buildings frequently used by the Reds and their sympathizers are Schenley High and Frick School. North Side Carnegie Hall, which is not under School Board jurisdiction, also is a favorite meeting place.

Among the more active Communist front groups here which sponsor various affairs in these buildings are the Progressive Party, Civil Rights Congress, American Slav Congress, La Press Committee, Congress American Women and some line nationality outfits.

Mr. Cvetic said virtually of these are controlled by the Communist Party.

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Cvetic Tells Probers

25 in Congress On Red Front Donation List

District Lawmaker Listed in Group

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By TONY SMITH
Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—A House committee today sifted more than 1000 names of persons who kicked in money to Communist front organizations in the Pittsburgh area.

The names, including those of more than 25 Congressmen from various parts of the country, were turned over to the House Un-American Activities Committee by Matt Cvetic, former FBI informant.

Most of them came from the confidential files of the American Slav Congress, in which Mr. Cvetic held office for years while working as an undercover man in Red circles.

Charges Red Control

Others are contributors to the Progressive Party and Civil Rights Congress. Mr. Cvetic has testified both these organizations are controlled outright by the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

He described the Slav Congress as the top Commie front for infiltration of nationality groups.

Whether the names of all contributors will be made public is something the committee must decide.

Most of the Congressmen who chipped in are Democrats and the committee is controlled now by the Democrats. So Mr. Cvetic might have produced something which the committee may label as "too hot to handle."

Some of the contributions, of course, were made quite innocently. The lawmakers just didn't realize the Slav Congress was a tool of the Communist Party and sought its support in the hope of winning votes.

Slav Congress Aid

Mr. Cvetic's list also contains names of persons who received financial aid from the Slav Congress. These are chiefly candidates the Commies were backing in an effort to whip somebody they didn't like.

The documentary list turned over to the committee by Mr. Cvetic names at least one Pittsburgh area Congressman and a top Senate leader from outside Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cvetic will continue going over the names with committee members and investigators in closed sessions through Sunday. He is culling out of these lists the persons whom he will identify under oath as members of the Communist Party.

Has Named 150

The dapper, soft-spoken Pittsburgher, who worked his way into a high position of confidence within the party, already has named about 150 individuals as "known Communists" connected with the party "apparatus" in the Pittsburgh area.

He may identify publicly about 200 more in the coming week.

Mr. Cvetic told the committee he is listing as Communists only those persons from

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whom he collected party dues or whom he saw at meetings confined to party members.

Sources close to the committee described Mr. Cvetic as "the best witness the committee has ever had." This stems from Mr. Cvetic's insistence on sticking, in his testimony, to things which he claims to know of personally.

On Stand Three Days

Mr. Cvetic was on the stand for three days this week. When he wound up his public testimony Thursday, he promptly dumped 80 pounds of documents before the committee.

These were in two suitcases which Mr. Cvetic hid on the eve of his departure for Washington to break his Communist ties and disclose his real role.

He told the committee the suitcases contain confidential records of the Slav Congress, Civil Rights Congress and Progressive Party. Mr. Cvetic already has named George S. Wuchinich, Milo Mamula and Alex Wright as the Commie functionaries who run these organizations for the Reds.

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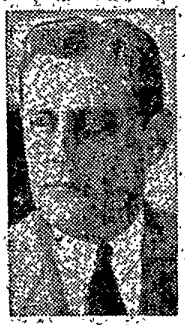
Carey Office 'Flooded' by New Backers

Many Turning To Rightist IUE

By TONY SMITH
Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—The testimony of Matt Cvetic on Communist infiltration in unions isn't helping the chances of the left-wing United Electrical Workers to hold their membership, right-wing union leaders here believe.



Mr. Smith

The UE, ousted from the CIO last year on grounds of Communist domination, faces a test soon when electrical workers in the Pittsburgh district ballot in a National Labor Relations Board election.

The old UE, still battling for the right to represent all electrical workers, will be opposed by the new International Union of Electrical Workers, formed by the CIO to take over the field.

Named Officers as Reds

Much of the testimony of Mr. Cvetic, who posed as a Communist for seven years while working as an undercover FBI agent, dealth with Communists in the UE. He named a number of officials, long accused of being Communists, as dues-paying members of the party.

CIO right-wingers, who are battling the old UE, said Mr. Cvetic's revelations from inside the Communist Party are having a telling effect.

They include lieutenants of CIO President Philip Murray and his organization secretary, James B. Carey. Mr. Carey is leading the fight to free the electrical workers from Commie control. He also would like to regain his old job as head of the biggest union in the plants of Westinghouse Electric, General Electric, etc.

Many Signing Up

The legislative representatives for the new IUE said electrical workers who never before would listen to their charges of Commie domination in the rival union, are flooding our offices to sign up with Carey.

"This did the trick," said Tommy Burns of the Washington, IUE office. "It licked the opposition to a frazzle. We needed something like this. It puts the cherry right on top of the cake."

This was only one of the results predicted by the Un-American Activities Committee. Members who earlier said Mr. Cvetic's public revelations would wreck the CP of Western Pennsylvania and depose Steve Nelson are confident the first is an accomplished fact and the second is distinctly possible.

Others May Be Destroyed

At the least, it will practically destroy front organizations, such as the American Slav Congress, the Civil Rights Congress and the Progressive Party of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Cvetic, during nearly 12 hours on the witness stand Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, named over 120 Pittsburgh area Communists, including many officers and organizers of the UE. He is preparing to unload another 200, whom he says he can identify from 80 pounds of documents he presented to the Committee on Thursday.

Jacob Zack (Kornfeder) did a comparable job on the UE on a national scale some months ago. But he was pretty far removed from the Pittsburgh scene and hadn't kept in touch with developments on any plane in recent years.

Cvetic Familiar Figure

The difference is Mr. Cvetic was a familiar figure around the Pittsburgh UE. He spoke to many of their gatherings, conferred with UE leaders in the Communist apparatus, was well publicized and unusually friendly. The electrical workers, especially at Westinghouse, in East Pittsburgh, knew him well. They respected the slight, dapper propogandist for the Commies.

From Mr. Cvetic's testimony it didn't take much to administer the "coup de grace" to the Slav Congress. He told the Committee that it was easy to get non-Communists to sign up in the early days, adding:

"Then, about four or five years ago, The Pittsburgh Press cut loose with an expose of the Slav Congress as a tool of the CP. That had a terrific effect on recruitment of members into the Congress.

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MATT CVETIC MEETS SAILOR SON in Washington during a break in his marathon appearance before House spy hunters. The son, Richard, was among those who thought his father was a Communist until Mr. Cvetic unveiled himself last week as an undercover man for the FBI.

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Amvets Here Cite Cvetic for Exposé

Americanism Award Urged for FBI Job

The Allegheny County Council of Amvets announced yesterday it had cited Matt Cvetic for a special Americanism award.

Joseph Laverty, County commander of the World War II veterans' organization, said the Council unanimously passed resolution Friday night to commend Mr. Cvetic for "a job well done."

FBI Work Cited

Mr. Cvetic worked as an undercover man for the FBI in Communist circles here for nine years and acted the role of a party member for the past seven years.

The County Council recommended that the Amvets State Americanism Award be given Mr. Cvetic "in recognition of services to and sacrifices for his country." Mr. Laverty said he's sure the State officials will issue the award next month.

Unmasked Reds

The resolution said Mr. Cvetic "voluntarily and willingly accepted an assignment to perform certain tasks for our country" which "included the ferreting out and unmasking of the members of the Communist Party."

"Performance of these duties," it continued, "often entailed considerable personal danger and constantly put Mr. Cvetic in such unfavorable light with the true American public that he suffered the loss of respect and friendship of his neighbors and acquaintances."

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Cvetic Red List Brings Denials

Names of Others Same as Commies

Andrew J. Novak of 223 Alice St., Mt. Oliver, would like it known he isn't the Andy Novak who signed Matt Cvetic's application for Communist Party membership.

Mr. Cvetic, ex-FBI undercover man, testified last week that an Andy Novak and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, one of the top leaders in the party, signed his application.

No Commies Ties

"I am not to be confused with this Andy Novak," writes Mr. Novak of Alice St. "I have never been connected with the Communist Party or any of its organizations."

Meanwhile, William M. Skertich, 46 Hickory St., Etna writes that he and the rest of the family of John J. Skertich, at that address, would like to make it clear they aren't in any way related to the Peter Skertich named as a Communist by Mr. Cvetic.

Similarly, George A. Niznansky, editor of "Narodne Noviny" (National News), points out this paper has no connection with "Ludove Noviny" (People's News).

North Side Paper

Ludove Noviny, edited by Calvin Brook, is one of three papers published at 1916 East St., North Side. Mr. Cvetic said it is Commie-controlled.

Narodne Noviny, also printed in the Slovak language, is the official organ of the National Slovak Society, with headquarters at 516-20 Court Pl. Mr. Niznansky served with the Office of Strategic Services during World War II.

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Restaurant Union Leader Fights Ouster

'I'm Not a Red,' Accused Man Says

George Nichols, identified as a Communist by ex-FBI Informant Matt Cvetic, is going to fight to keep his $97-a-week union job here.

Nichols, of 315 Atwood St., Oakland, issued a statement late yesterday denying he is a Communist and indicating he wants to remain as employment manager for Local 237 of the A. F. of L. Hotel and Restaurant Employes Alliance.

His denial came after a fellow officer of the union, Nick Lazaris, decided to quit as business manager rather than deny he's a Red. Lazaris' job pays $97 a week, plus expenses.

Put on Spot

The two were put on the spot by Mr. Cvetic, who testified under oath before the House Un-American Activities Committee last week that both Lazaris and Nichols are Communist Party members.

John J. Kenny, president of Local 237, later announced he had issued an "ultimatum" to the two. He said they'd have to deny they are Communists or he wouldn't honor any move to renominate them when the union meets Monday night.

Nichols' statement set the stage for what may develop into a bitter union battle to unseat him.

Petitions Circulated

Petitions have been circulated for the past several days demanding his removal. The petitions also are asking removal of Lazaris, who now has taken himself out of the picture, and Arthur Taylor, vice president of the local who has not been listed as a Communist but apparently has fallen into disfavor with some of the union members.

Nominations are to be made at a meeting in the union hall, Third Ave. and Market St., at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Whether Nichols' statement will satisfy Mr. Kenny and thus permit his renomination isn't known. Mr. Kenny couldn't be reached for comment.

May Demand Oath

However, some of the opposition elements in the union indicated they will demand Nichols make his denial under oath before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Nichols' statement said:

"I am not a Communist, is my response to John J. Kenny, president of Hotel and Restaurant Employes Alliance Local No. 237 and, I so declare for the benefit, not only of Mr. Kenny, but for the benefit of all the members of our local union.

"Our union is no different than any other today—they are all presently facing unwarranted attacks by anti-labor forces—only by remaining united can we successfully emerge from such attacks to retain our hard-fought gains and secure more.

"Creation of consternation is a relic of old to destroy."

Cell Exposed

In his testimony regarding the Hotel and Restaurant Employes Alliance here, Mr. Cvetic declared under oath:

"There is a Communist cell working in the major hotels in Pittsburgh. I have knowledge of this since I was a member of the North Side Section Committee (of the Communist Party) and the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell . . . is also a part of the North Side Section Committee.

Attended Meetings

"I attended many meetings with the organizers from this cell. The main organizers of this cell for the Communist Party are Joe Mankin, who is in charge of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell in Pittsburgh; Nick Lazaris and George Nichols, who is the hiring agent for the Hotel and Restaurant Workers in Pittsburgh."

Lazaris, of 383 Bouquet St., Oakland, has been business manager of the local for many years. Mr. Kenny said Mankin holds no office in the union but is a "probationary employe" at one of the Downtown hotels.

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WITNESS ON THE STAND

By TONY SMITH
Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Matt Cvetic was a good witness. He did a devastating job on the Pittsburgh Commies. And he did it according to the rule book.

His formal conduct during the three-day hearings was impressive. Seldom has any witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee acquitted himself as well.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Cvetic did his work intelligently and thoroughly. He began by gaining the respect of the committee members for his nine-year sacrifice as an undercover agent for the FBI in the Communist Party.

Then, he cemented relations by rigidly confining himself to information he knew positively—either from personal experience or from documentary evidence at his disposal. This appealed to the heavy representation of attorneys on the committee.

No Loose Charges

There were no loose charges or smears. Mr. Cvetic did not name or identify as Communists any persons whom he merely suspected or had circumstantial evidence against. The persons he identified were persons from whom he collected Communist dues and attended meetings with. The meetings were limited to active Communist Party members.

And there is no mystery about the witness' astounding memory for names, dates and places. That was his job. He was paid by the FBI for keeping track of such details. His testimony proves he did his risky undercover work well.

At many of the meetings called by Western Pennsylvania Communist leaders like Steve Nelson and William Albertson, Mr. Cvetic arranged to be the doorkeeper. In some cases, the CP members had to prove it to their accuser before they could gain entrance to party meetings.

During the three-day hearings, the witness was given many opportunities to enlarge, exaggerate, or embroider his testimony. He declined them all.

Time and again, Mr. Cvetic would tell his questioners, "On that, I have no knowledge. If it happened it did not happen in my presence nor was it ever officially reported to me."

He Had the Minutes

Several times when his identification of some Communist was questioned, Mr. Cvetic stopped the doubters cold with the comment, "I collected his dues and I can tell you how much he paid."

Other times, he would say: "I have the minutes of the meeting he attended, which I turned over to the FBI." Or "I was on the door at some meetings he attended."

When Mr. Cvetic completed his testimony, Congressman Francis E. Walter, Easton Democrat who was acting chairman of the committee, read a long statement thanking the Pittsburgher for his patriotism and courage. Then, the Congressman offered the witness his congratulations. Several committee members came down off the dais to shake hands with the witness.

It was a rare scene.

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LET THEM TAKE AN OATH

TWO top officials of the hotel and restaurant workers union were among those named as Communists by Matt Cvetic, an undercover FBI man who worked as a "Communist" for nine years.

One of these, Nick Lazaris, business agent of the union, has said he won't seek re-election to his union office. He proposes to give up his job rather than deny he is a Communist.

The other, George Nichols, employment manager for the union, is subject to President John Kenny's "ultimatum" to deny his Communist affiliation or stand aside at the union's election this week.

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Mr. Kenny's request for a "denial" by Nichols, or similar "denials" by any other accused Communists in labor unions, is not enough.

Mr. Cvetic made his charges under oath. If he has wrongly accused anybody, let them defend themselves under the same conditions.

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Communist Domination Of Slav Congress Bared

By JAMES MOORE
Sun-Telegraph Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Investigators for a congressional committee are analyzing the contents of two suitcases crammed full of records of Communist activity in Pittsburgh.

The suitcases were produced for the House Un-American Activities Committee by Matt Cvetic, 41, of Pittsburgh, who was paid by the FBI to spy on the Communists.

The committee met in a closed session with Cvetic today. He will testify at additional public hearings, dealing with the records, Monday and Tuesday.

As far as the records are concerned, the committee got a lucky break. The documents, weighing 93 pounds, were turned over to Cvetic by top Communist leaders.

SUSPECTED FBI—

The FBI undercover agent was told, he said, to destroy the records because the Communist leaders in Pittsburgh feared that the FBI was getting "hot" on their trail.

Cvetic added:

"I dropped into Communist headquarters a week ago, before I left Pittsburgh to testify in Washington.

"Bill Albertson, Communist Party secretary (in Pittsburgh), through Milo Mamula, turned over to me the two suitcases filled with records and instructed me to get rid of them.

"I didn't take my eyes off my baggage for one second all the way down from Pittsburgh to Washington."

SLAV CONGRESS—

Cvetic's testimony this week developed an interesting sidelight on the Pittsburgh convention of the American Slav Congress in 1944, which Cvetic attended.

Before the Congress convened, the forerunner of the House Un-American Activities Committee—the Dies Committee—charged that the organization was dominated by Moscow.

About the same time, one of the group's founders, Judge Blair Gunther of County Court, resigned because, he said, the organization had been taken over by "leftist groups."

Judge Gunther, a Republican, was angry, too, because the Slav Congress leaders had decided to indorse President Franklin D. Roosevelt for a fourth term in the White House.

GUNTHER HIT—

Slav Congress leaders promptly denied that they had any con-

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and denounced Judge Gunther. Then, on Sept. 28, 1944, the convention began.

In his testimony this week, Cvetic said that he attended meetings of high Communist leaders before the convention to plan the work of the convention. He declared:

"At these meetings, we hammered out Communist policy to be used at the American Slav Congress convention.

"We discussed what resolutions would be presented at the convention; we discussed the names of the various party members who were to be proposed for office; we discussed statements that should be issued to the press, we decided on the speakers; we set up committees and assigned party members to serve on them."

CONVENTION

Cvetic was asked by a committee attorney if the Communist Party planners succeeded in carrying out their plans once the convention was under way. Cvetic replied:

"We had absolute control of that convention. Every function of that convention . . . was in the hands of Communist Party members. While there were non-Communists in attendance, the direction was in the hands of the Communists."

Cvetic also testified that American Communists have no sense of loyalty to the United States government that they are taught that their loyality is due the Communist Party.

He was asked if he meant the Communist Party in the United States or the international Communist Party.

RESPONSIBILITY

Cvetic replied:

"The responsibility of a Communist, when we talk about a Communist Party, is to this international movement."

Cvetic was questioned:

"Where are your orders taken from?"

"Orders in this country have come down from the National Board of the Communist Party, USA."

"Where do they take their orders from?"

"As I mentioned before, I never attended meetings of the National Board . . . but the classes which were organized (were taught) . . . that we were working for an international Communist movement."

"And is that taught to the rank and file of the Communist Party . . .?"

"Yes, that is right."

STEVE NELSON

Cvetic also testified that Steve Nelson, the Communist boss in Pittsburgh, announced to a group of Communist leaders in 1947 that the American Slav Congress would be "the Communist Party's top organization in the United States."

Cvetic was questioned further:

"Within the offices of the American Slav Congress, was there a Communist Party cell that met independently of the Executive Committee of the American Slav Congress and which dictated the policies to any extent of the American Slav Congress?"

"Yes, the policy that the Communist Party carried into the American Slav Congress was handed down by the head of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party."

"Were the majority of the members of the Nationality Commission of the Communist party officers or directors of the American Slav Congress?"

PARTY OFFICERS

"Yes. I would say that the majority of the members of the Nationality Commission were either office holders, members of the National Committee, or members of the Executive Committee of the American Slav Congress."

Cvetic testified that the Com-

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MORE RECORDS . . . Matt Cvetic (left) of Pittsburgh, FBI agent who masqueraded as a Communist, hands over suitcase stuffed with Red records to Cong. Francis E. Walter.

munists made him executive secretary of the Slav Congress.

Cvetic said he was succeeded in this post by George Wuchinich. He identified Wuchinich as a member of the McKeesport branch of the Communist Party.

Cvetic said he was asked to withdraw so he could be succeeded by Wuchinich. He explained that he was told by Roy Hudson, Pittsburgh district Communist organizer:

"Since George Wuchinich is a veteran, he would not be subject to attack."

UNION DELEGATE—

Cvetic testified that he attended the Slav convention in 1944 as a delgate of the CIO-State, County and Municipality Professional Workers Union. This union, now called the United Public Workers Union, was expelled from the CIO last week on charges that it is Communist-dominated.

Cvetic testified that Communists in the union got him elected as a delegate after the Communist leaders in Pittsburgh decided that he was to be a delegate.

Cvetic, then an employe of the U. S. Employment Service in Pittsburgh, became an organizer for the union.

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TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information one article and one editorial which appeared in the Erie, Pennsylvania, "Dispatch" of February 23, 1950; five articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of February 24, 1950; three articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of February 24, 1950; one article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of February 25, 1950; two articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of February 25, 1950; one article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" of February 25, 1950; six articles and two editorials which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of February 26, 1950, and one article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of February 26, 1950.

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MATTHEW CVETIC. WASHINGTON POST OF FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR, NINETEENFIFTY REFLECTED THAT CVETIC TESTIFIED TO THE FOLLOWING BEFORE THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: ONE, THAT STEVE NELSON CONSTANTLY SPOKE OF THE UNITED STATES AS QUOTE THE ENEMY UNQUOTE. TWO, THAT IN THE EVENT OF WAR WITH RUSSIA, THE CP TAUGHT CVETIC IT WOULD BE HIS JOB QUOTE TO WAGE WAR AGAINST MY OWN GOVERNMENT TO THE POINT OF REVOLUTION AND OVERTHROW IT UNQUOTE AND THAT EVERY COMMUNIST GETS THE SAME TEACHINGS. THREE, THAT RADIO STATION WLOA AT BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA, HAS BEEN USED TO BROADCAST SCRIPTS PREPARED BY COMMUNIST LEADERS ALTHOUGH AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF THE STATION ARE NOT REDS. SUTEL WHETHER CVETIC ADVISED THE BUREAU OF THE ABOVE AND FURNISH THE DATE AND RE OF YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU IN WHICH EACH ITEM APPEARS. IF YOU HAVE NOT REPORTED EACH ITEM TO THE BUREAU, INCLUDE SUCH ITEM OR ITEMS IN URTEL IN QUOTES WITH DATE REPORTED BY CVETIC.

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DIRECTOR VERY URGENT

MATTHEW CVETIC. REBUTEL YESTERDAY. NO REPORTS LOCATED IN PITTSBURGH FILES TO EFFECT NELSON CONSTANTLY SPOKE OF U. S. AS QUOTE THE ENEMY UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, IN TYPEWRITTEN REPORT DATED FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, FORTYNINE, CVETIC ADVISED THAT WHILE LUNCHING WITH STEVE NELSON ON THAT DATE AT PITTSBURGH, NELSON IN SPEAKING OF ORGANIZING CLASS OF NEW PARTY RECRUITS AMONG YOUTH AND STEELWORKERS STATED QUOTE THE NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ASK SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THE ENEMY IS RAISING, SUCH AS THE MINDSZENTY TRIAL, ETC. UNQUOTE. IN ANOTHER TYPEWRITTEN REPORT DATED NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, FORTYNINE, RE DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF CP OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HELD AT PITTSBURGH ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, FORTYNINE, CVETIC ADVISED THAT NELSON, WHILE DISCUSSING RECRUITING, STATED QUOTE ANYONE WHO IS WAITING FOR THINGS TO GET EASIER BEFORE THEY START WORKING BETTER, FORGET ABOUT IT COMRADES. THINGS ARE NOT GOING TO GET EASIER, THEY ARE GOING TO GET TOUGHER AND WE MIGHT AS WELL FACE IT. OUR ENEMY WHICH HAS BEEN DEFEATED ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT WILL SHARPEN ITS ATTACKS ON US IN THIS COUNTRY, MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THAT UNQUOTE. NO REPORTS OF CVETIC LOCATED CONTAINING INFORMATION THAT IN EVENT OF WAR WITH RUSSIA, CP TAUGHT HIM IT WOULD BE HIS JOB QUOTE TO WAGE WAR AGAINST MY OWN GOVERNMENT TO THE POINT OF REVOLUTION AND OVERTHROW IT UNQUOTE. AND THAT EVERY COMMUNIST GETS SAME TEACHINGS. INFO SIMILAR TO

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ABOVE CONTAINED IN TYPEWRITTEN REPORT OF CVETIC DATED MARCH ONE, FORTY NINE RE MARXIST STUDY CLASS OF NORTH SIDE SECTION OF CP OF WESTERN PA. HELD SAME DATE AT PITTSBURGH. THIS REPORT SET OUT THAT BILL ALBERTSON, CP DISTRICT SECRETARY, IN DISCUSSING DIFFERENT TYPES OF NATIONALSM AND PATRIOTISM STATED QUOTE WE WOULD NOT SUPPORT A WAR AGAINST THE EASTERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES OR THE SOVIET UNION OR AGAINST PUERTO RICO, IF THE US WENT TO WAR AGAINST THESE COUNTRIES BECAUSE OUR PATRIOTISM IS TO THE PEOPLE NOT TO THE CAPITALIST CLASS. IF WE SUPPORTED A WAR AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, THE EASTERN DEMOCRACIES, OR PUERTO RICO, IF THE US WENT TO WAR AGAINST THESE COUNTRIES, IT WOULD MAKE OUR PATRIOTISM TO THE CAPITALIST CLASS. AS MARXISTS OUR PATRIOTISM IS TO THE PEOPLE NOT THE CAPITALISTS. UNQUOTE. CVETIC FURTHER ADVISED IN TYPEWRITTEN REPORT DATED MARCH TEN, FORTYNINE, RE MEETING OF LEADING CADRES OF THE CP OF WESTERN PA. HELD AT PITTSBURGH ON MARCH NINE, FORTYNINE, THAT STEVE NELSON, AFTER READING AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN QUOTE DAILY WORKER UNQUOTE OF MARCH THREE, FORTYNINE, ENTITLED QUOTE US COMMUNISTS WILL OPPOSE WALL STREET WAR, SAY FOSTER, DENNIS UNQUOTE, COMMENTED, QUOTE IF A WAR IS STARTED BY WALL STREET WE WILL OPPOSE IT AS AN UNJUST WAR UNQUOTE. NELSON REPORTEDLY THEN READ FROM PAGES ONE SIX SEVEN AND ONE SIX EIGHT OF QUOTE HISTORY OF THE CP OF THE SOVIET UNION UNQUOTE AND THEN COMMENTED QUOTE IF THE AMERICAN

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IMPERIALIST RULING CLASS STARTS A WAR IT WOULD BE A WAR OF CONQUEST AND WE WOULD THEREFORE NOT SUPPORT IT, BUT FIGHT AGAINST IT TO BRING IT TO A CLOSE AND BRING A DEMOCRATIC PEACE IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME UNQUOTE. WITH REGARD TO RADIO STATION WLOA, BRADDOCK, PA., AND ITS OPERATORS, GEORGE AND WILLIAM MATTA, BUREAU IS REFERRED TO INFO ATTRIBUTED TO INFORMANT T DASH THREE ON PAGES THREE AND FOUR OF REPORT OF SA LLOYD H. NELSON, PITTSBURGH, OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, FORTYNINE, AND TO INFO ATTRIBUTED TO INFORMANT T THREE ON PAGES FIVE AND SIX OF REPORT OF SA THOMAS C. BURKE, PITTSBURGH, JANUARY TWENTYONE, FORTYEIGHT, IN CASE ENTITLED QUOTE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF RADIO INDUSTRY, IS DASH C UNQUOTE. IT IS NOTED ASC OF WESTERN PA. PRESENTED REGULAR SUNDAY BROADCAST VIA WLOA FOR EIGHTONE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, LAST BROADCAST BEING MADE ON APRIL SEVENTEEN, FORTYNINE, BY CVETIC AND GEORGE WUCHINICH PAREN THEN ASC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND CP MEMBER PAREN. CVETIC FURNISHED SCRIPT OF LAST BROADCAST TO THIS OFFICE ON APRIL TWENTYSIX, FORTYNINE. FURTHER NOTED THAT ALL ABOVE QUOTES ARE FROM CVETIC-S REPORTS AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY DIRECT QUOTES OF PERSONS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE STATEMENTS.

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MATTHEW CVETIC. ON FEB. TWENTY EIGHT, FIFTY, CNDI PI DASH TEN, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ADVISED SA RAY J. COLIN THAT STEVE NELSON, CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT FIVE, CP HAD INSTRUCTED ART SHIELDS QUOTE DAILY WORKER UNQUOTE REPORTER TEMPORARILY WORKING PITTSBURGH, PA., IN CONNECTION WITH UMWA COAL STRIKE, TO DROP ALL WORK IN THIS CONNECTION AND CHECK RECORDS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AFTER WHICH DISTRICT FIVE, CP, WOULD WIRE HCUA AND QUOTE BLOW SOMEONES SEAT RIGHT OFF THE CHAIR UNQUOTE. WHILE NOT SPECIFIED, REFERENCE BELIEVE MADE TO MATTHEW CVETIC, PRESENTLY APPEARING BEFORE HCUA, WHO WAS ARRESTED MARCH THIRTY ONE, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE ON INFO FILED BY ANNA M. BARSH PARENTHESIS CVETICS SISTER-IN-LAW PARENTHESIS ON MARCH TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE, CHARGING THAT ON FEB. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE, CVETIC IN DISPUTE WITH BARSH, FRACTURED HER RIGHT WRIST. CVETIC INDICTED MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE BY ALLEGHENY COUNTY GRAND JURY UNDER TRUE BILL NO. FOUR SIX SIX, CHARGING AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND BATTERY. ON SEPT. THIRTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE ON MOTION OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTY AND BARSH, A NOLLE PROSEQUI, ALLOWED BY JUDGE THOMAS MARSHALL, ALLEGHENY COUNTY COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS, ON CONDITION THAT CVETIC MAKE RESTITUTION TO BARSH OF THREE FOUR NAUGHT DOLLARS

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RECORDS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE, THROUGH WHICH RESTITUTION ORDERED MADE, INDICATE THAT AS OF JAN. SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY ONE, FULL RESTITUTION MADE BY CVETIC. ALSO NOTED THAT RECORDS OF OFFICE OF PROTHONOTARY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, CITY COUNTY BLDG., REFLECT THAT IN CASE NO. B THREE THREE FIVE EIGHT OF OCT. TERM, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE AND SPECIFICALLY ON JAN. SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY SIX, MARIE D. CVETIC GRANTED A DIVORCE FROM MATTHEW CVETIC ON GROUNDS THAT MATTHEW CVETIC HAD OFFERED SUCH INDIGNITIES AS TO RENDER WIFE-S CONDITION INTOLERABLE AND HER LIFE BURDENSOME. DIVORCE ACTION UNCONTESTED BY CVETIC, WHO ALLEGES HIS WIFE WAS ALCOHOLIC DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF MARRIAGE, WHICH WAS UNHAPPY FROM OUTSET. INFORMANT ALSO ADVISED CP LINE WOULD BE THAT INDICTMENT CHARGING AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND BATTERY NOL PROSSED THROUGH EFFORTS OF FBI TO FORCE CVETIC TO BECOME INFORMANT. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

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The following is a summary of the testimony of MATTHEW CVETIC before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on February 23, 1950.

CVETIC in response to answer to relate his relation and association with STEVE NELSON stated that he worked in close relation with STEVE NELSON and was in contact almost daily with NELSON for a period of one and one half years when they met to discuss policy for the American Slav Congress and other Communist Party activities. STEVE NELSON during this period was active in the capacity of District Organizer of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. STEVE NELSON received his instructions as to the proper party line at meetings of the National Board of the Communist Party in New York, and STEVE NELSON in turn would pass this on to his subordinates at district meetings; his subordinates such as BILL ALBERTSON and ANDY ONDA of the steel activities.

CVETIC was asked if STEVE NELSON ever made mention of the atom bomb secrets. CVETIC replied that the only mention STEVE NELSON ever made of the atom bomb was subsequent to the announcement by President TRUMAN that Russia now had the atom bomb. CVETIC quoted STEVE NELSON as saying "We have the atomic bomb and the enemy won't be in such a g-- d--- hurry to start war now." CVETIC explained that the enemy as used in the context of STEVE NELSON's remarks referred to the United States.

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CVETIC was asked to describe the educational setup within the Communist Party. He related his own indoctrination within the party. CVETIC who joined the Communist Party in February of 1943 was first indoctrinated through the study of books on Communism by EARL BROWDER, and the EARL BROWDER line of study was taught up until the 1945 National Convention. EARL BROWDER's philosophy was that capitalism and socialism could work side by side over a period of time, and that ultimately socialism would win out, but there would be no cause for force or violence. At the 1945 Convention, a new line was adopted. This new line was the result of JACQUES DUCLOUS' report issued from France criticizing the Communist Party, USA, for the party line used at that time regarding the peaceful transition of capitalism and socialism functioning together into ultimate socialism. This philosophy was thrown out at the convention and replaced by the Marxist, Lenin and Stalin teachings of overthrow of the government by force or violence and the establishment of a dictatorship of the Proletariat. CVETIC stated that EARL BROWDER was ousted from the Communist Party at this time, and it was his opinion that the expulsion of BROWDER was because of the conflict in his philosophy and that of Marxist, Lenin and Stalin. After the new party line was adopted, those who would not conform were expelled from the Communist Party.

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CVETIC received his instructions from the Communist Party organized classes and also through reading literature and books which were mandatory upon the Communist Party members. CVETIC named the following books as books which the Communist Party members must read:

1) The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
2) Communist Manifesto
3) State and Revolution
4) Ten Classics of Marx
5) The Cominform Bulletin from Bucharest

CVETIC was asked to describe in what manner forceful overthrow of the government was taught in the Communist Party. CVETIC advised that the Communist Party is very careful to omit the use of the term revolution or the term force and violence; however, he pointed out that one of the books which are considered as "must" reading, The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, contains numerous references to overthrow of the government by force and violence, and he read a section contained on page nine and another section contained on pages 167 and 168 of this book expressing this attitude. He pointed out that the Communist Party refers to the United States as an imperialistic form of government or an imperialistic aggressor whereas the USSR and the New Communist China are referred to as Peoples Democracy. CVETIC stated that every Communist in good standing in the United States would be required under the Communist indoctrination to support the Union of Soviet Russia in the event of a conflict between the USSR and the United States, even to the point of overthrow of this government by revolution.

CVETIC discussed briefly the various radio programs which had been given over station WOLA in Braddock, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the American Slav Congress as well as the various nationality groups such as Croatian, Ukrainian, Polish and Slovak. CVETIC himself participated in the American Slav Congress radio programs which were entitled "Keep America Free." The material with which these various radio programs dealt was prepared and directed by the Communist Party, and the Communist Party line was apparent in all of these programs. CVETIC stated that the American Slav Congress went off the air after some eighty weeks of broadcasting.

CVETIC described the current Communist Party line as being a project to build united fronts from "down below." Policy of the Communist Party is to go into mass organizations such as the steel mills and carry the Communist Party line of various issues. It is not necessary

that the entire Communist line be put across to a specific group of persons but it is only essential that one phase or so of the Communist Party line be gotten across to many various groups of individuals. They recognize that the entire Communist Party line would not readily be accepted in toto by anyone specific group.

CVETIC advised that the orders for the Communist Party, USA, emanated from the International Communist Headquarters and manifestations in the Cominform Bulletin published in Bucharest, A copy of a Cominform Bulletin was received as an exhibit.

CVETIC was asked by the Committee if he was acquainted with STEPHEN LOYEN, JOHN BROMICH, MARK SUMARK and PETER MARGETICH. CVETIC advised that he was acquainted with these individuals, all of whom he knew to be Communist Party members.

The Committee asked CVETIC if he was ever requested to obtain government records for the benefit of the Communist Party. CVETIC stated that while he was employed for the U. S. Employment Service in Pittsburgh, ROY HUDSON asked him to obtain from the USES records the names of employees employed in industry in Western Pennsylvania. After clearing with the FBI, CVETIC advised that he did furnish this information to HUDSON, but the figures were not all correct. He placed the time of this incident in the latter part of 1945 or the early part of 1946.

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CVETIC was then asked if he had ever been requested by a Communist Party official to take any action in regard to Communist front documents. CVETIC replied that [redacted] through [redacted] had requested CVETIC to dispose of the documents in [redacted] possession which were the records of the Civil Rights Congress, American Slav Congress and the Progressive Party as it pertained to the American Slav Congress. The reason given by [redacted] why these records should be destroyed was so that they could not be available to the FBI or any other governmental investigating agency. During the last four or five weeks CVETIC advised that he had been requested a number of times to destroy these records. CVETIC then produced two suitcases full of records of these organizations which he turned over to the Committee, and it was brought out that these records had been furnished by CVETIC in response to a subpoena duces tecum issued by the House Committee. The House Committee was careful to bring out that CVETIC had been authorized to dispose of these documents and thereby was in rightful possession of same.

CVETIC then gave a general statement saying that he expected to be a victim of character assassination by the Communist Party, but that he felt that it was in the best interest of America to have this information furnished the public through an organization such as the House Committee on Un-American Activities. CVETIC recommended that legislation to outlaw the activity of what the Communist Party stands for is the answer to fighting Communism and stated that legislation merely outlawing the Communist Party would serve no purpose, since they could easily change their name. He then stated that he would furnish the House Committee on Un-American Activities a bill to be presented to Congress which would outlaw the activities of the Communist Party. CVETIC said that after seven years of being a Communist, he felt that he had it on good authority that the Communist Party through its infiltration of church, mass organizations, veteran organizations, union activities and etc. aims to overthrow the United States government by means of a revolution stating that these "phoney peace drives" are mainly engaged to make way for the Communists to present their party line. For example, he stated that two or three months ago WILLIAM ALBERTSON asked BILL GORDON and JOHN WIDMAR in CVETIC's presence to contact specific clergymen to set up a peace organization. At the time ALBERTSON stated that it was not necessary to advise the clergymen of what the ultimate determination of this peace organization would be.

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FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Transmitted herewith are two copies of transcripts of testimony of the above individual before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on February 21, 22, 23, 1950.

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SAC, Pittsburgh PERSONAL ATTENTION March 1, 1950

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MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI [redacted]

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Attached is a photostatic copy of the transcript of testimony of Matthew Cvetic before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C. on February 21-23, 1950.

It is desired that this testimony be carefully reviewed and analyzed to determine the following:

1. Has Cvetic previously furnished your office all of the information he testified to before the Committee?

2. Is Cvetic's testimony before the Committee

   (a) Substantially the same as the information previously furnished to your office by him on the matters covered in the testimony, and

   (b) Substantially accurate in light of information available to your office from other sources?

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The results of your review and analysis should be prepared in the form of a "blind" memorandum bearing the caption "Testimony of Matthew Cvetic Before House Un-American Activities Committee In Washington, D. C., February 21-23, 1950." The original, five thin whites and a yellow of the "blind" memorandum should be submitted to the Bureau by a cover letter captioned "Matthew Cvetic, Former CNDI [redacted]

The "blind" memorandum should be set up under the following headings:

1. Has Cvetic previously furnished your office all of the information he testified to before the Committee?

   (In answering this question, you should specifically set out any of Cvetic's testimony before the Committee which was not furnished by him to your office. If he has previously furnished all of the information to your office, a positive statement to that fact will suffice.)

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2. Is Cvetic's testimony before the Committee substantially the same as the information previously furnished to your office by him on the matters covered in the testimony?

(In answering this question, you should specifically set out any information appearing in the testimony which is in variance with information previously furnished by Cvetic to your office.)

3. Is Cvetic's testimony before the Committee substantially accurate in light of information available to your office from other sources on such matters?

(In answering this question, you should specifically set out any testimony of Cvetic which appears inaccurate in light of information available to your office from other sources.)

This matter must be assigned immediately and afforded continuous attention. The results of this review and analysis should reach the Bureau no later than March 6, 1950. In commencing this review, however, if you determine the results cannot be furnished by such date, you should advise by teletype as to the date that the results will be furnished.

Personal Setback

Cvetic Tells How Nelson Lost UE Fight

Aides Punished for Red Election Defeat

By ROBERT TAYLOR
Pittsburgh Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—Steve Nelson, the burley boss of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, took personal charge of the futile campaign to keep Red control of Local 601, United Electrical Workers.

This was disclosed today by Matt Cvetic, FBI undercover man in the Communist Party for seven years.

The crucial campaign was fought out last summer in the big local at Westinghouse Electric's East Pittsburgh plant. Rank and file members of the union broke the Communist control.

120 Commies Named

Mr. Cvetic now is in Washington giving the House Un-American Activities Committee the results of his years of undercover work. He named more than 120 Pittsburgh district Communists in public testimony last week.

The witness—one of the most important to come before the committee in months—now is going through stacks of records of party fronts he brought to Washington. He is identifying more members of the party to committee investigators, and probably will return to the witness stand in public hearings later this week.

Mr. Cvetic detailed the secret moves by which the Communist Party fought to keep its control of UE Local 601.

Major Foothold

Control of the local through top officials, whom Mr. Cvetic identified as Communist Party members, represented the major part of the Communist party in Pittsburgh district unions.

Mr. Cvetic said Nelson was well aware of the threat to the party in last September's Local 601 election. Right wingers swept most contests.

"The Communist Party met in July to discuss the election of Sept. 19," Mr. Cvetic said. "Steve Nelson dropped all other responsibilities to work full time on the campaign.

"He went to Westinghouse two months before the election to organize the party's campaign and he asked for one volunteer from each branch of the party to help with the work."

Asked to Volunteer

Nelson even asked Mr. Cvetic to volunteer.

Despite the personal leadership of Nelson—an experienced Moscow-trained agent and alleged atom bomb spy—the Local 601 campaign of the Communists ended in disaster.

The Commies lost their grip on the local. Later the whole UE was thrown out of the CIO, which organized the new International Union of Electrical Workers to take over the old UE's membership.

A National Labor Relations Board election is scheduled to determine which union will represent the Westinghouse workers.

Disaster for Members

Last September's election not only was a disaster for the party, but also for some of its members, Mr. Cvetic revealed.

David Grant, former secretary of the party and one of its organizers in the electrical manufacturing industry, was one of those punished by Nelson because the party was defeated.

Grant was cut off the party payroll and went to work in a

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Hill district bakery, the former undercover man said.

"The first week he was at work, he cut his thumb," he added.

Grant later was restored to the payroll, but banished to the Turtle Creek valley, where he recently led a strike in Trafford.

Banished to Erie

Sam Reed, who worked as a CP organizer in both steel and electrical industries, was sent to Erie, to organize workers in the General Electric company plant there.

This was a demotion, too, partly due to the Local 601 vote and partly to failure of Reed to make more headway in infiltrating the United Steelworkers, (CIO), Mr. Cvetic said.

Jack Sartiskey, another CP organizer in the electrical industry, was sent to Pittsburgh's North Side, to work in a different field.

Mr. Cvetic, in public hearings before the Un-American Activities Committee, identified a number of left-wing leaders of Local 601 as Communist Party members.

Tom Fitzpatrick, former left-wing president, was a member of the CP district committee, he testified.

Refused to Testify

When Fitzpatrick was haled before the Un-American Activities Committee last August 19, he refused to answer whether he was a Communist Party member. He contended the committee had no right to "pry into my mind."

Fitzpatrick, the witness said, was looked upon as the party's leading member in East Pittsburgh.

"At district committee meetings of the Communist Party, Tom Fitzpatrick usually made the report on what was being accomplished at the Westinghouse plant in East Pittsburgh," he testified.

"On many occasions, Tom Quinn accompanied Tom Fitzpatrick at these meetings."

Another Commie

Tom Quinn (not to be confused with another UE member, with a similar name) also was identified as a party member. He too, refused to tell the congressional committee last August whether he was a Communist.

Others named as carrying the Commie line into the UE were Nate Alberts, secretary of the Squirrel Hill branch of the CP and a delegate to the 1948 Progressive Party convention, and Alice Roth, treasurer of the Progressive Party in the 33rd congressional district.

Mr. Cvetic said Steve Rosner, UE international representative in Pittsburgh, attended policy-making meetings of the Communist Party. Rosner now is in Washington, working with Arthur Gaeth in preparation of the UE Radio news programs, the Un-American Activities Committee was told.

Three Others Named

Others named in testimony as Communist Party members in the UE include:

Leo Turner, organizer for District 6.

Albert Smith, UE International representative.

Charles Newell, UE international representative assigned to District 6.

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School Union Quits Commie Line Outfit

Cafeteria Workers To Join CIO Group

Custodial and cafeteria employes of the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education no longer want anything to do with the Communist line United Public Workers.

The 900 employes, members of Local 297 of the UPW, met yesterday at the Aragon ballroom and voted themselves out of the union.

They joined, instead, the new CIO Government and Civic Employes Organizing Committee, which was set up last week by CIO President Philip Murray after the CIO executive board had expelled the UPW.

Takes Largest Union

The action of the school board employes robs Regional UPW Director Jack L. Strobel of his largest union.

Mr. Strobel was recently named as a member of the Communist Party by Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man who worked in the Communist Party.

There was only one dissenting vote at yesterday's meeting.

It was cast by Rodney Goforth, a fireman at the Shakespeare School. Mr. Goforth is also a member of the CIO Marine Engineers' Beneficial Assn.

... Called 'Red Plant'

Anthony J. Federoff, CIO Regional Director for Pittsburgh and chairman of the new public employes' organizing committee, immediately branded Mr. Goforth as "a Communist plant."

"I know that fellow," Mr. Federoff said, "and I think the other people in this movement should know who he is and what he is, too."

Mr. Goforth was recently active in a Communist-supported organization called the Allegheny County Labor Conference for Peace. Several of those named by Mr. Cvetic were also active in this organization.

Falls to Vote

Another dissenter at the meeting was Mr. Storbel, though he did not vote.

The meeting was presided over by John H. Evans, business agent for Local 297 and a leader of the anti-Communist movement in the UPW. Mr. Evans is a member of the committee to organize the new CIO union under Mr. Federoff.

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THE FBI'S BIG JOB

ATTACKS on the FBI are becoming frequent. And it is well to note that most of them emanate from groups which have been identified as Communist fronts, or can be traced to the stooges or dupes of such groups.

The reasons for that are obvious.

No one but a criminal or a traitor has anything to fear from a careful, honest investigation. Just as no law-abiding citizen has any reason to object to being fingerprinted.

Most of the things the public knows about Communist spy rings are due to the revelations of two former Communists, Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley, who saw the error of their ways and turned state's evidence.

But for that, Alger Hiss, for example, would still be a respected confidant of high officials in our Government, as he was at Yalta and San Francisco.

An example of the value of the FBI has been given Pittsburghers in the testimony of Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man in the Communist Party. Mr. Cvetic reeled off publicly the names of scores of Pittsburgh residents who did or helped the work of the Communist Party.

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The point is the FBI knew what was going on.

The Communist organization is a secret one, owing its allegiance to Soviet Russia. Most of its activities are underground, so that little is known about it which it does not want us to know.

There are 54,000 card-carrying members in the United States. We wouldn't know that if it were not for the FBI.

In terms of votes, 54,000 is not a formidable figure. Not even when it is multiplied by 10 times that number of fellow travelers and an even larger number of political innocents who unwittingly carry out Moscow's instructions without knowing the real source of such inspiration.

But Communists do not believe in majority rule, and do not try to win control of government at the ballot box.

Communism depends on intrigue and violence to gain its ends. Fewer than 54,000 people, planted in key places in government and industry might cripple our war effort by sabotage from within. One man could place a bomb in a troop ship or an airplane hanger, or cripple a vital piece of machinery.

It is essential that we know where such people are so they will not be in a position to do such damage.

The FBI is our first line of defense against this threat.

We must be on our guard against any attempt to cripple the FBI.

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Reds Here Plotted For M-Day

By DAVID SENTNER
Sun-Telegraph Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—How a secret emergency meeting was held by top-level Communist Party leaders to discuss plans in case Soviet bombers attacked Pittsburgh, Detroit, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington will be disclosed in testimony before a Congressional committee this week.

Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover agent, will tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he attended such a clandestine session called by Commissar Steve Nelson in Communist Party headquarters in Pittsburgh several months ago.

The testimony of Cvetic will present the following picture:

The meeting was apparently ordered by the Communist Party Central Committee in New York with similar instructions to other Communist Party districts throughout the country.

EMERGENCY SEEN—

The gathering in Pittsburgh, kept quiet from lower echelon bureaucracy of the Communist Party, expected that an emergency would not be far distant.

Nelson was quoted as informing his lieutenants that "some of us may be decapitated" and that it was essential to determine immediately a line of succession to Communist Party local leadership.

Nelson then specifically named those who would replace him in event he was "removed," either through casualty or an FBI roundup of Red chieftains.

He went down the line for successive replacements in the Red hierarchy in Pennsylvania, including Cvetic on the listing.

MANY DISAPPEAR—

Not long ago, Cvetic will also testify, at the time when a Russian air attack on Alaska was widely rumored in the U. S., a high-ranking Red comrade exultingly remarked:

"Be seeing you in Alaska!"

Many important officials of the Communist Party have disappeared mysteriously in the past few months, Cvetic has told House Committee investigators.

Cvetic expressed his suspicion that the missing comrades, mostly in key positions in the strategic industrial segments of Pennsylvania, were attending sabotage training schools.

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THE CLINCHER

THERE has been no room for doubt, at any time, about the veracity of Matt Cvetic.

Mr. Cvetic is the FBI undercover man who spent nine years as a leading "Communist" and now is telling his story to the House Un-American Activities committee.

The testimony, background and substance of Mr. Cvetic are too firmly established to justify any reasonable doubt about his story.

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But if there had been any microscopic question, it has been removed by the Progessive Party—the instrument by which Henry Wallace sought to make himself President in 1948.

The Progressive Party, in an official statement given out by local headquarters, calls Mr. Cvetic a "despicable labor spy" and a "stool pigeon."

That's the clincher.

It also removes any shred of doubt about where the so-called Progressive Party stands. And what kind of Party it is.

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Not Reds, Say AFL Candidates

Candidates for office in Local 237, AFL Hotel & Restaurant Workers Alliance, were put to an informal Communist test last night by the membership.

On a motion by one of the members, Philip Coyne, a waiter at Hotel William Penn, the candidates stood up at a membership meeting and denied that they are Communists. Some 40 of them made the statement.

This new twist resulted from the testimony last week of Matt Cvetic, 41, of Pittsburgh, who posed as a Communist to spy on the party for the FBI.

Cvetic told a Congressional committee that two officers of the local—Business Agent Nick Lazari and Employment Manager George Nichols—were Communists.

'DENY OR QUIT'

Local President John J. Kenny told Lazari and Nichols to deny the charge or resign.

Lazari resigned, and asked Kenny not to accept his name if it was placed in nomination last night. As a result, he was not required to take the test.

Nichols denied that he is a Communist at last night's meeting. Nichols and nine others were nominated for his post. In past years, he has had no serious opposition.

One member criticized the local for "this purge," but he, in turn, was informed by others that the "real Judas Iscariots in this country are the Communists."

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Same Name, But Not Red

What's in a name? Plenty, according to Anthony Olin Gerlach of Valencia.

One of the names listed by Matt Cvetic as a Communist Party member in his testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee was Tony Gerlach.

But it's a different Tony Gerlach—according to Anthony Olin Gerlach.

Anthony works for the Veteran's Administration in the Fulton Bldg. as chief of the medical laboratory. He used to work for the War Dept. and the Dept. of Agriculture. He said:

"I've been checked by the FBI lots of times. This is just an embarrassing coincidence that I hope people forget about in a hurry."

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Hotel Union Candidates Given U. S. Loyalty Tests

All Deny They Are Communists at Meeting Of Local 237; Accused Red Makes Talk

AFL Local 237 Hotel & Restaurant Workers Alliance put nearly two score nominees for union offices through a loyalty test last night. All denied they were Communists.

Nick Lazaris, business agent for the Dining Room department, who was named by Matt Cvetic as part of the Communist apparatus, didn't have to take the test. He asked President John J. Kenny not to accept his name if he were nominated.

Lazaris Won't Talk

Lazaris refused to affirm or deny Cvetic's charges, made before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington last week, when asked to do so by President Kenny.

George Nichols, the union's unemployment manager, also named by Cvetic and who denied the charge, told the packed meeting he was no Communist. Nine other members were nominated for the post held by Nichols.

Philip Coyne, a waiter at the William Penn Hotel where petitions have been circulated among union members calling for the dismissal of Lazaris and Nichols, made the motion for the anti-Communist test.

Troy Is Named

President Kenny, a Roman Catholic and long-time foe of Communists in the labor movement, led off the candidates with a statement that he is not now, nor ever was a Communist.

One member asserted the union should be ashamed of "this purge" which he said was brought on by that "Judas Iscariot—Matt Cvetic—the tool of Troy." (Tom Troy, William Penn Hotel manager.)

Several others promptly condemned this assertion and one, a woman, asserted "Communists were the real Judas Iscariots," selling Americans into concentration camps for "30 pieces of silver."

Scattered Boos

The meeting was orderly in spite of intense feelings aroused by Cvetic's disclosures. There were scattered boos and mutterings of disbelief when some of the nominees, including Nichols, testified.

Eric Lazaris got applause and respectful attention, despite some boos, when he told the meeting that he had been "on the picket line in 1929 and 1933 and had fought for the union."

"I'll still be shoulder-to-shoulder with you fighting for better working conditions," he said. "That is my religion." He has been a business agent since 1937 and a member for 25 years.

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Smear Drive On Cvetic Goes to Court

Wallaceite Digs Up Assault Case

The smear campaign against Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man in Communist circles here, moved into court today.

Alexander Wright, regional director of Henry Wallace's Progressive Party, demanded the court give him a photostatic copy of an assault-and-battery case involving Mr. Cvetic almost 11 years ago.

Wright, who was named by Mr. Cvetic as a member of the Communist Party, told newsmen:

"We want to bring out what kind of guy Cvetic is."

The case, according to the records, was brought against Mr. Cvetic by Anna M. Barsh, living then in Maplewood Ave. It charged he struck her and knocked her down.

The records show the whole thing was dropped when Mr. Cvetic agreed to pay her $340.

Judge John P. Egan said Wright, of 558 Morgan St., could have one copy after Assistant District Attorney Robert van der Voort explained "it's a public record."

When asked by reporters whether he is a Communist, Wright replied, "Do I ask you if you are a Catholic or a Protestant or a Jew?" He added he's a member of the Progressive Party, which he said believes in "progressive capitalism."

Wright was represented by Attorney Hymen Schlesinger, also named under oath before the House Un-American Activities Committee by Mr. Cvetic as a member of the Communist Party. Schlesinger said the Progressive Party wants to give a copy of the Cvetic court record "to each newspaper to publish it."

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Back Where They Came From

Cvetic May Help to Deport Some Ex-'Comrades'

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Slav Congress Officer Ca[illegible]portant Red

By ROBERT TAYLOR
Pittsburgh Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, March 1—Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercoverman who unmasked the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, may help send some of his ex-comrades back to where they came from.

Mr. Taylor

Mr. Cvetic is a prospective witness for the U. S. Government in a number of deportation cases involving alleged top Communist leaders.

This was learned today after Mr. Cvetic conferred with officials of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, which handles deportation cases.

Seeks to Deport Two

Proceedings are now pending against at least two men whom Mr. Cvetic identified as former fellow members of the Communist Party. The Government seeks to deport them as undesirable aliens. They are:

George Pirinsky, alias Zalkoff, national executive secretary of the American Slav Congress, identified by Mr. Cvetic as a member of the Communist Party's top Nationality Commission.

Frank Borich of Pittsburgh, listed as a member of the Croatian Division of the party's Western Commission, and leader of the 1931 strike of the Communist-led National Miners Union.

Mr. Cvetic testified he knew both men as Communists and worked with them on the Nationality Commissions of which they were members.

The work of the Nationality Commissions was largely to infiltrate Slavic groups, get control of their organizations—such as the Croatian Fraternal Union—and rally them behind the Communist Party line.

Mr. Cvetic testified that the party's nation-wide Nationality Commission controlled the American Slav Congress after its 1944 convention, as well as other organizations set up to enlist membership in Slavic groups.

He said the Nationality Commission met before every American Slav Congress meeting to decide on election of officers, write the resolutions to be passed and dictate the business of the meetings.

Before the 1944 convention

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FRANK BORICH
On the spot again.

GEORGE PIRINSKY
U. S. says: "Get out."

in Pittsburgh, Mr. Cvetic testified, Pirinsky and at least 10 others met to map plans for maneuvering control of the organization into Communist hands.

Mr. Cvetic named the others as Pirinsky's wife, Mary; Helen Vrabel, Michael Hanusiak, Anthony Minerich, Calvin Brook, Mane Susnjar, Peter Vukcevich, Milo Mamula, Agnes Vukcevich and Pauline Roth Jacobs. He identified all as Communist Party members.

Pirinsky, as top officer of the American Slav Congress, is considered by the Government as one of the most important Communist officials operating in Commie-front organizations.

Borich long has been one of the most active radicals in the Pittsburgh district. The Government once before ordered him deported.

Case Dropped

That was after the disastrous 1931 mine strike. The deportation order against him was upheld by the Federal District Court and by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Borich's appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court was pending when the Labor Department, then headed by Secretary Frances Perkins, suddenly dropped the case without explanation.

Mr. Cvetic testified at length before the House Un-American Activities Committee last week, naming more than 140 Communists who carried on the work of the party in the Pittsburgh district.

He is expected to add to that list of party members in another public hearing before the Committee to be held late this week or early next week.

Mr. Cvetic has been working for several days with investigators for the House Committee, leafing through 80 pounds of records taken by him from the files of the Communist Party and Red-front outfits.

Today, the committee agents went to work also on a suitcase full of documents found by Pittsburgh police in the wreckage of an auto bearing a group of left-wingers.

Helping Probers

Mr. Cvetic was called in to help investigators establish identities of many of the names listed in the "jalopy papers." The records deal with Communist youth activities, especially through the Labor Youth League, in Pittsburgh and the rest of the nation.

Mr. Cvetic's revelations, based on seven years as a trusted member of the Communist Party, may lead to further investigations by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and more deportation cases, it was believed here.

The Bureau now is working out new procedures to comply with the court order, however, and it is reported to be ready to start many new deportation cases.

Pirinsky, Borich Among Those Cited

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Communists Here Plot 'Smear' Against Cvetic

The Communists apparently have decided to strike back with a smear campaign at Matt Cvetic who spied on them for the FBI.

They won the permission of Judge John P. Egan today to photostat a record of Cvetic's appearance in Criminal Court in 1939.

The request to Judge Egan was made by Attorney Hyman Schlessinger, in behalf of Alexander Wright of 558 Morgan St., regional director of the Progressive Party and a labor union leader.

IDENTIFIED—

Cvetic's has identified Schlessinger as a Communist Party member. He identified Wright as a member of several Communist fronts.

The record shows that Cvetic was arrested in 1939 on an assault and battery charge involving Miss Anna M. Barsh of 34 Maplewood Ave.

Miss Barsh apparently is a relative of Cvetic's former wife, Marie Dolores Barsh Cvetic of Saxonburg Blvd. Miss Barsh accused Cvetic of striking her.

CHARGE DROPPED—

The charge was dropped by Judge Thomas M. Marshall with the understanding that Cvetic would pay the costs of the case and Miss Barsh's medical expenses.

Wright, who appeared in court with Schlessinger, was asked by newsmen if he is a Communist.

He ducked the question.

"I'm for progressive capitalism. The Communist Party is against any form of capitalism."

When the question was repeated, he said:

"That has nothing to do with this case."

He said copies of the Cvetic court record will be distributed to newspapers.

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There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information two articles and one editorial which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of 2/27/50; one article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of 2/27/50; one editorial which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of 2/28/50; two articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of 2/28/50, and one article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" of 2/28/50.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/2/50

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL
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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT MATTER

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information two articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of 3/1/50, and one article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of 3/1/50.

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Mr. C. Garfinkel
Officer in Charge
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707 New Federal Building
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

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Dear Mr. Garfinkel:

Re: File 0402-13409

[redacted] Referral/Consult

This matter has been referred to the Bureau at Washington, D. C. and your office will be advised as soon as a reply is received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. E. THORNTON
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/2/50

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC DECLASSIFIED BY SP1 mpeltre ON 7-20-89

There are enclosed herewith two copies of a letter dated 2/27/50 which was addressed to this office by [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

It is pointed out that [redacted] of CVETIC, mentioned in Item 6, might possibly disclose some of the present confidential national defense informants of this office since, as the Bureau is aware, CVETIC has indicated in the past that he suspected several CP members in this area as maintaining their membership for purposes of informing on Party activities. It is noted that some of the persons suspected by CVETIC are actually informants of this office.

It is also pointed out that interrogation of CVETIC by [redacted] along the line indicated in Item 6 might possibly deprive this office of the opportunity of developing future CNDI's, although it is noted that CVETIC has not in the past furnished the names of any individuals in this area who might be potential informants.

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With reference to the last paragraph of [redacted] letter, this office contemplates advising him that CVETIC's present address is unknown.

It is requested that the Bureau advise this office as soon as possible of its desires in this matter.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3-3-50

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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On 3-3-50 CNDI [redacted] telephonically advised SA [redacted] at Pittsburgh, Pa., that [redacted] of the International Travel & Tours, Second Floor, 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., said on 3-2-50 that MATT CVETIC "raped a girl", and that they found out that the girl kept quiet for fear of embarrassing herself. CNDI [redacted] stated according to [redacted] they are trying to dig into the matter and make a big issue of it in the near future.

CNDI [redacted] further stated that [redacted] said that the "FBI knew he (CVETIC) had a criminal record and that they (the FBI) take fellows like that and make stool pigeons out of them." CNDI [redacted] further stated that [redacted] further said that the "FBI takes in bums."

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CNDI [redacted] subsequently advised that [redacted] mentioned to him the name of the girl CVETIC allegedly raped, but that he was unable to recall the name. CNDI [redacted] stated that he questioned [redacted] as to whether or not the girl was a relative of CVETIC's, and that [redacted] said that she was not a relative.

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Cvetic Tells How Nelson Fled Meeting

Followers Left To Face Pickets

By ROBERT TAYLOR
Pittsburgh Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, March 2—Matt Cvetic, incensed because Steve Nelson, boss of Pittsburgh Communists, called him a war-time slacker, told today about how Nelson ducked out the back door when trouble started at a North Side meeting last April.

Mr. Taylor

It was at the April, 1949, meeting in North Side Carnegie Hall when hundreds of war veterans and other anti-Communists gathered outside while the Communists were meeting inside.

Mr. Cvetic, then known as a leading Pittsburgh Communist—although he was secretly an FBI undercover agent—was a member of the arrangements committee for the meeting.

Fled Out Back Door

As such, he was put in charge of the back door of the meeting hall. Party leaders recognized there was going to be trouble when the meeting broke up and the anti-Communists outside got to voice their protest in definite form.

"Five minutes before the meeting broke up, they skipped out the back door, where I was on guard," Mr. Cvetic said. "All the leaders, including Henry Winston, CP national board member, and Steve Nelson, left that way.

"They left the rank and file members and sympathizers to shift for themselves and a lot of them got mobbed. They first told Andy Onda to make another speech to keep the meeting quiet until they got safely away. I stayed too and went out with the audience."

Resents Term 'Slacker'

Mr. Cvetic said he resented the term "slacker" and revealed how he came to be an FBI agent.

The FBI apparently learned about Mr. Cvetic because he previously had applied for enlistment in the Army Intelligence Service. Although the Army didn't act on his application, an FBI agent contacted him in April, 1941, and asked him to do undercover work on the Communists as a patriotic duty.

During the years he was posing as a Communist, he recalled, Nelson was a Communist organizer in Berkeley, Cal., where—according to House Un-American Activities Committee reports—he did espionage work on atomic secrets.

Leaves It Up to People

"I'll leave it up to the American people to decide who was a slacker and who was guilty of treason," Mr. Cvetic said.

Mr. Cvetic told of a comradely incident that happened last February in the Jewish Cultural Center, Forbes St., Squirrel Hill.

The Communists held a meeting there and awarded a prize to the person who got the most subscriptions to the "Sunday Worker," official Communist newspaper, he said.

Cvetic Won Prize

Matt Cvetic won the prize. It was a book of reprints of the "Worker's" most important stories. In a fine display of comradeship, he got all the leading Communists present to autograph the book. Later, he in turn presented it to his employers—the FBI.

Mr. Cvetic also revealed that Steve Nelson isn't too happy about living in Harmarville, because it's too isolated. He has been trying to find another home and once enlisted the aid of Comrade Cvetic—who holds a real estate license—in re-locating.

Another party incident the former undercover man related concerned a Labor Day, 1948, picnic in Patton Twp. As usual, Mr. Cvetic was on the arrangements committee. Nelson was the principal speaker and later an auto was raffled off.

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One of the comrades won the car, but before he could collect he was required to kick in $600 to the party, he added.

Communist Party workers are hauled up on the carpet sometimes, and Mr. Cvetic on occasion served on "disciplinary commissions." On at least one occasion, Andrea Hudson, wife of Roy Hudson, then district chairman of the party, was put on trial for stirring up strife among female party members.

Several times, Ben Careathers, the party's Negro leader in Pittsburgh, was called on the carpet for failure to make headway among Pittsburgh Negroes.

At one time, Negro membership in Pittsburgh dropped to 35 and the national board complained. Careathers got the blame, but he complained in turn that the party pays only lip service to the idea of Negro equality, always picking white members for key jobs.

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Cvetic Hits At Denials

WASHINGTON, March 2 — Matt Cvetic today challenged persons he named as Communists to go to Washington and "show their true colors."

The former FBI undercover agent who spied on the Communist Party and was one of its top leaders in Pittsburgh, said:

"Several persons I have named as Communists have denied it. I attended as many as 50 Communist Party meetings with some of the persons who are now trying to worm their way out of being called Commies.

"They should come down to Washington and testify under oath that they are not Communists. I called them Commies under oath. I'd like to hear them deny it under oath."

Cvetic, who also went under the name of Bob Stanton, is expected to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee this week.

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Union Leader Denies Being Communist

Alexander Wright Questioned on Floor Of SCIUC Meeting

Alexander Wright last night flatly denied he is a Communist, as alleged by Matt Cvetic, FBI underground agent.

His denial came during a stormy meeting of the CIO Steel City Industrial Union Council, to which he a delegate from the Stone, Brick and Allied Products Workers. He is Pittsburgh district representative of that union.

Reds Denounced

Several delegates spoke heatedly of "Communist infiltration" into some unions. One then declared: "There even may be some Communists here in this meeting."

SCIUC Secretary Joseph A. Goney, presiding officer, remarking that Wright's status had been discussed publicly, invited him to speak. When he had finished a brief and humorous discourse on how "progressive and fair-minded" he was, Goney snapped:

"All right, Alex, but you haven't answered the question. Are you, or are you not, a Communist?"

"No, I am not a Communist," Mr. Wright replied. He did not elaborate on that statement.

A motion that the SCIUC reaffirm its long-standing position against Communism, and its strict adherence to "the policies of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, as enunciated by CIO President Philip Murray," carried by unanimous vote.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/3/50

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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MATTHEW (1) CVETIC. REBULET MARCH ONE, FIFTY, RECEIVED THIS OFFICE FOUR PM YESTERDAY. REVIEW ENTAILS FIFTEEN SECTIONS OF [redacted] REPORTS AS WELL AS NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONAL FILES. ANALYSIS WILL BE MAILED BUREAU BY MARCH TEN NEXT.

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MATTHEW CVETIC. CNDI PI DASH NINE ADVISED FIVE NINETEEN PM TODAY THAT ART SHIELDS OF DAILY WORKER HAD INDICATED HE INTERVIEWED CVETIC-S FORMER WIFE AND THAT SHE STATED CVETIC IS SNEAK, COWARD AND DID NOT SUPPORT HIS FAMILY. FOR INFO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 6, 1950

FROM : MR. W. E. LEISHEAR

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PURPOSE:

For your information, Presiding Judge Michael A. Musmanno of the criminal courts of Allegheny County at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, called at 9:15 P.M. on March 5, 1950, from the Hotel Sheraton, Pittsburgh, Pa., and asked to speak to the Director.

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DETAILS:

Judge Musmanno advised that one [redacted] is on the list of grand jurors to be called for duty by the criminal court of Allegheny County on Monday, March 7, 1950, and that she had been named by Matthew Cvetic while testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as an organizer in the Communist Party in East Pittsburgh, Pa. Judge Musmanno stated he desired to question Cvetic immediately about [redacted] and inquired as to Cvetic's address.

Mr. D. M. Ladd was immediately advised of the above facts and he instructed that Judge Musmanno be advised that the Bureau did not have Cvetic's address and the Judge might be interested in making a request for such information from the House Committee on Un-American Activities of which Committee Mr. Tavenner is Chief Counsel.

Judge Musmanno was called at 9:50 P.M. and advised pursuant to Mr. Ladd's instructions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to Supervisor Charles Sandall of the Internal Security Section for his consideration.

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CC: Mr. Nease

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/6/50

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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Remylet 3/3/50.

Referenced letter set forth information obtained from CNDI [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] International Travel and Tours, Second Floor, 943 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., allegedly said on 3/2/50 that CVETIC "raped a girl."

On 3/3/50, CNDI [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] at 5:15 PM. CNDI [redacted] said that MILO D. MAMULA, while discussing CVETIC, stated that the incident involving CVETIC with a girl occurred in 1939; that the girl would not bring any charge against CVETIC if he paid the $340 in the District Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, Pa. CNDI [redacted] stated that there is a record of the charge against CVETIC in the District Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, Pa., and that a photostatic copy of this record was obtained, presumably by ALEXANDER WRIGHT.

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It is believed that MAMULA was possibly referring to the assault and battery charge brought against CVETIC by ANNA M. BARSH. It should be noted that on 3/1/50, an article appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press," a daily newspaper, on Page 5, Column 1, entitled "Smear Drive on Cvetic Goes to Court," which article contains information concerning the charge brought against CVETIC by ANNA M. BARSH.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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House Probers Get Names of More Reds Here

Cvetic Identifies 100 Individuals

By ROBERT TAYLOR
Pittsburgh Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, March 3 — A mass of evidence which overflowed committee offices today yielded more names of Pittsburgh Communists for the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Committee investigators showed the documents of four Communist front groups and made notes while Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man in the Communist Party identified individuals.

Thus far the search has yielded some 100 names, to be added to the more than 120 names of party members identified by Mr. Cvetic in public hearings of the Committee.

MATT GETS A PAT ON THE BACK—Matt Cvetic, left, FBI undercover me gressmen. Mr. Cvetic has been testifying before the House Committees on Activities. Looking on in the background are Congressmen Herman P. and Harry Davenport.

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Hearings to Resume

Hearings on Communist activity in the great steel and coal center probably will resume next week, with Mr. Cvetic again on the witness stand.

At these hearings, the secret files of Commie-front groups will be used as exhibits. Mr. Cvetic, who posed for seven years as one of Pittsburgh's top Communists, will tell what he knows about the exhibits and the people named in them.

The Committee got one batch of exhibits after a group of Labor Youth members was involved in a traffic crash in Pittsburgh last week-end. The documents, subpenaed by the Committee, gave details of the Labor Youth League's plan to infiltrate coal fields during the present strike.

Interested in Youth League

Committee officials showed great interest in the Youth League papers. Some members of the Committee have indicated they want more testimony on tactics of the Communist Party in working among youth groups, in schools and clubs.

Another batch of evidence was produced by Mr. Cvetic himself. He got it when a fellow Communist—unaware Mr. Cvetic was an FBI man—told him to take it out of a Liberty Ave. office.

"Get this stuff out of here," Mr. Cvetic quoted him as saying. "Get it out before the FBI comes in here and gets it."

Stalled for While

Mr. Cvetic stalled for a while "to make it look good" and then obeyed party orders. He stowed some 80 pounds of documents in a safe place until Committee investigators could go to Pittsburgh and bring it here.

Included among the evidence are files of the American Slav Congress, under Communist domination since 1944, of which Mr. Cvetic was a top official.

There are lists of contributors to the Slav Congress and other records showing how the organization spent its money. Also included is correspondence among officials and members.

500 Reds Control Party

Some of the documents give details of the work of the Progressive Party in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Cvetic told the Committee some 500 Communists were able to control the party which polled 4000 votes in the district in the 1948 elections.

Also being examined are files of the Civil Rights Congress, Communist front organization set up to defend party members accused of law violations.

Mr. Cvetic may return to the witness stand again Monday. Meanwhile, he is working daily with investigators on the evidence.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW SVETIC

DATE: 3/8/50

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FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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The Washington Field Office was requested on the morning of March 10, 1950 to have an Agent attend the scheduled meeting of the HCUA, Room 226 in the Old House Office Building to secure any information of interest to the Bureau relative to the appearance of Matthew Cvetic before the Committee.

Supervisor Oberndorf, of the Washington Field Office, later advised me that because there was a lack of a quorum, the Committee did not meet today and is scheduled to meet Monday, March 13. The Washington Field Office will be represented at that time.

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MATTHEW CVETIC. REMYTEL MARCH FOUR LAST. REVIEW COMPLETED.
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MATTHEW CVETIC. REMYTEL MARCH TEN. ANALYSIS WILL BE MAILED AMSD TOMORROW UPON COMPLETION OF TYPING.

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TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: March 13, 1950

FROM : E. H. Winterrowd

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At approximately 1:10 P.M., March 13, 1950, Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Office called to advise that the Agents covering the House Un-American Activities Committee meeting at which the captioned person was testifying were conscious that the Committee Chairman was observing them and further that he appeared to comment on them to another Committee member.

In view of the above and pursuant to your instructions, I told Special Agent [redacted] that coverage of the session, which is an open hearing, should be discontinued.

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There is transmitted herewith the original, five thin whites and a yellow of a blind memorandum captioned "Testimony of Matthew Cvetic Before The House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., February 21 - 23, 1950."

It should be noted that the Bureau's suggested headings for this memorandum have been followed as far as possible. However, in many instances, the nature of CVETIC's testimony is such that statements which might logically fit into all three suggested headings are included in one or two paragraphs of the testimony. In those instances in which it might fit more than one suggested heading, it has been placed beneath the heading which appears most logical, appropriate comments being made with regard to other portions of the testimony which could possibly be included in one of the other suggested headings.

It is noted that CVETIC and his interrogator used such terms as Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, U.S.A. and Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania rather loosely, creating confusion as to which Commission was actually meant; also that much of CVETIC's testimony on February 23, 1950, (pages 151-187), is composed of his opinions, beliefs, and conclusions regarding the Communist Party, its methods and policies. It is also noted that the dates, identification, and agenda of many of the meetings referred to by CVETIC, as well as statements reportedly made at same, are often vague and when compared with his reports, have on many occasions been found to be in error.

This office has been unable, in many instances, to check the accuracy of CVETIC's testimony regarding Communist Party activity among foreign language groups, since CVETIC was the only informant of this office who regularly reported concerning such activity.

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When considered in its entirety and on a broad basis, CVETIC's testimony is fairly accurate, but when specifically compared with reports submitted by him, it has been found to contain minor and major errors.

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TESTIMONY OF MATTHEW CVETIC BEFORE

HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 21-23, 1950

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I. Has CVETIC previously furnished your office all of the information he testified to before the Committee?

No. The following discrepancies were noted.

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1. Re testimony: Page 9, Paragraphs 5-8.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who was LEE KOGAN?

"Mr. CVETIC. He was the Professional Branch organizer in Pittsburgh and also an organizer for the United Electrical Workers in Pittsburgh. He has since left Pittsburgh.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You state he was an organizer for the [redacted]

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes."

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No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he identified LEE KOGAN as an organizer for the United Electrical Workers in Pittsburgh.

The report of SA ALPHONSE F. CALABRESE, Pittsburgh, 8/25/43, Pages 8 and 9, and the report of SA ROBERT E. KEHRES, Pittsburgh, 12/9/44, Page 1, Paragraph 2, and Page 2, Paragraph 1, in the case entitled "LEON DAVID KOGAN, wa.; INTERNAL SECURITY-C," reflect that KOGAN, while employed at the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Co., was affiliated with Local 615 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America-CIO and was an active member. These reports, however, do not indicate that KOGAN was an organizer for that union.

2. Re testimony: Page 13, Paragraph 13, to Page 14, Paragraph 5.

"Mr. CVETIC. I was also secretary of the Slovene Commission of the Communist Party, USA. Originally when I got into the Slovene Commission I was elected chairman.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Are you speaking there of the area of Pittsburgh?

"Mr. CVETIC. I am speaking on the national level.

"Mr. TAVENNER. The Commission on the national level?

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the key members in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York, and Pittsburgh."

No report submitted by GVETIC can be located reflecting his meeting with LANDY at Pittsburgh in 1945 to call a meeting of the Slovene Communist Party Group.

5. Re testimony: Page 33, Paragraph 3, to Page 34, Paragraph 4.

GVETIC stated: "Among the members nationally of the Nationality Commission with whom I have met are the following: ...ISRAEL AMTER, now deceased. He was a member of the International Workers Order,... BOLESLAW GEBERT, organizer, Polish Section, who fled to Poland on the Gydnia-American Line ship, the Batory...ZARKO BUNCICH, attorney, Akron, Ohio."

No reports submitted by GVETIC can be located in which he reported ISRAEL AMTER as deceased, nor BOLESLAW GEBERT as having fled to Poland on the Batory. GVETIC has reported that ZARKO BUNCICH had attended meetings of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress and that BUNCICH was a member of the Communist Party. No reports can be located, however, in which GVETIC reported BUNCICH as having attended a meeting of the Nationality Commission (Nationality Groups Commission) of the Communist Party, USA.

6. Re testimony: Page 62, Paragraphs 5 and 6, and Page 63, Paragraphs 1-3.

"Mr. GVETIC. This meeting was held prior to the meeting I just reported in my testimony here, and that was in 1944 also. I met with the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio. This meeting in Cleveland was held in the form of a caucus, or I should say several caucuses, during a meeting of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress, in the hotel where this meeting was being held.

"There were several caucuses held by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party during this Committee meeting, and these were led by AVROM LANDY and attended by the following Communist Party members: GEORGE PIRINSKY, LEO ZACICH, HARRY JUSTIZ, DANIEL RADOSTCHIK, VICTOR CHARNENKOFF, NIKE MANUSILK, myself and several others.

"Mr. TAVENNER. What other meetings of the national Nationality Commission did you attend, other than those you have referred to?

"Mr. GVETIC. I would like to add to my testimony on this Cleveland meeting that AVROM LANDY called these caucuses, and I acted as messenger for AVROM LANDY to tell the other members that this meeting would be held."

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"Mr. OVERIC. Yes. I was first the chairman on the national level and later was made secretary on the national level of this Commission."

No report submitted by OVERIC can be located in which he advised that he was secretary of the Slovene Commission of the Communist Party, USA.

It is noted that when interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY on May 6, 7 and 9, 1949, OVERIC stated that he had been chairman of the Slovene Bureau of the Nationality Commission from 1946 to that date.

OVERIC's last report to this office with regard to the Slovene Bureau was dated May 23, 1949, in which he furnished details of a Slovene Bureau meeting held at Cleveland, Ohio on May 22, 1949. In this report OVERIC listed himself as "Chairman of Slovene Bureau, Communist Party, USA."

3. Re testimony: Page 15, Paragraph 10.

(While testifying with regard to members of the North Side Club, OVERIC stated:)

"Another was MARK LOVETT, but I understand he has since been expelled from the Party. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the North Side Club."

No reports by OVERIC could be located which reported LOVETT's having been expelled from the Communist Party. It is noted that Pittsburgh CHRI's [redacted] and [redacted] have reported that MARK LOVETT was expelled from the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

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4. Re testimony: Page 23, Paragraph 10, to Page 24, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. LAWRENCE. Will you outline to the committee the procedure that was followed in calling this meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, at which you were elected to the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?

"Mr. OVERIC. Yes. I met with AVARA LANDY in Pittsburgh. He is also known as AL LANDY.

"Mr. MOULDER. Can you fix the date?

"Mr. OVERIC. I can't fix a date on this. I can only fix an approximate time. It was sometime in 1940. When I met with him he asked me to call together the leading members of the Communist Party in the Slovene Group. He told me I could get the names of the leading members from DEDEK GITKOVICH. I met with GITKOVICH, and he supplied me with the names of

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No reports submitted by CVETIC reporting this information can be located.

7. Re testimony: Page 67, Paragraphs 2-4.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You stated you were a member of the State, County and Municipality Professional Workers?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes.

"Mr. TAVENNER. When did you become a member of that union?

"Mr. CVETIC. Sometime in September 1941."

No report of CVETIC's can be located reflecting that he became a member of the State, County and Municipality Professional Workers (State, County and Municipal Workers of America - CIO) in September, 1941.

8. Re testimony: Page 71, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "Since that time, GEORGE WUCHINICH has become a member of the McKeesport Branch in Western Pennsylvania."

No reports submitted by CVETIC reporting WUCHINICH as a member of the McKeesport Branch in Western Pennsylvania can be located.

It is noted that on February 12, 1949 CVETIC reported that GEORGE WUCHINICH had stated his future Party assignment would be Communist Party organizational work in the McKees Rocks area.

By report dated January 19, 1950, CVETIC advised that JOHN VIDMAR had stated he had "already registered...GEORGE (probably WUCHINICH) in McKees Rocks."

9. Re testimony: Page 72, Paragraphs 1 and 2.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Did he (GEORGE WUCHINICH) later succeed you as executive secretary of the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. The way this came about, ROY HUDSON, who was the district organizer for the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, asked me to meet with him and GEORGE WUCHINICH at the YMCA in Pittsburgh. We had lunch there. At this time ROY HUDSON asked if I would be willing to withdraw as executive secretary so GEORGE WUCHINICH could succeed me. ROY said: 'Since GEORGE WUCHINICH is a veteran, he would not be subject to attack.' So I agreed to step aside."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets this information out in this specific manner.

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CVETIC's report dated May 27, 1947 set out that there had been much discussion between CVETIC, GEORGE WUCHINICH, ROY HUDSON and DAVE CRANE as to where WUCHINICH and CVETIC should work; that HUDSON desired WUCHINICH to remain in Pittsburgh, rather than go to New York. This report concluded: "All seem to agree...so they are going to try to get WUCHINICH to go on full time for the Congress."

10. Re testimony: Page 78, Paragraphs 4-7.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give us some idea of the financial assistance the Labor Press Committee gave the Daily Worker or Sunday Worker through the activity of that Committee?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. We were instrumental several times in raising $8,000 or $10,000 in Western Pennsylvania for the Daily and Sunday Worker through raffles and picnics and so forth. We set up this Committee in the Communist Party office, with Communist Party members as members of the Committee.

"Mr. TAVENNER. This $8,000 or $10,000 you raised was raised over what period of time?

"Mr. CVETIC. A one-year period. One year we raised around $8,000 or $10,000. Another year we raised around $7,000. Last year we raised $3,000 or $4,000. I would say in about five years we raised between $25,000 and $30,000 through this Committee."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he specifically reported this information. According to a report submitted on August 29, 1949, CVETIC advised that the picnic held in 1949 was known as the "All Nations Picnic," rather than as a picnic held under the auspices of the "Labor Press Committee."

With regard to moneys raised by the Labor Press Committee, CVETIC furnished a mimeographed sheet on September 27, 1948 which reflected that the Labor Press Committee Picnic in that year had raised $5,370.

On September 11, 1947, CVETIC furnished information to the effect that the 1947 picnic had raised $7,073.55. On July 21, 1946 CVETIC reported the picnic held in that year had grossed over $6,900.

11. Re testimony: Page 79, Paragraphs 3-4.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give us the names of other known Communist Party members who have served on the Labor Press Committee, to your knowledge?

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"Mr. CVETIC. MIKE HANUSIAK; BEN CARPATHERS; PAT CUSH; TOM FITZPATRICK."

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located which set out that TOM FITZPATRICK served on the Labor Press Committee.

12. Re testimony: Page 96, Paragraphs 4-8.

"Mr. CVETIC. The first knowledge I had that we were going to try to organize a new party in the United States was back in 1946, the fall or winter of 1946. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER came to Pittsburgh and addressed a mass meeting called by the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

"At this time the United States was demobilized after the war, and the two highlights of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's speech were, he started attacking the war-makers in the United States, and made statements to the effect, 'they will never beat down the Soviet Union and so on so they might as well forget about it.'"

"Mr. WALTER. Will you fix the date?

"Mr. CVETIC. In the fall or winter of 1946. It was the year before we organized the Presidential campaigns for 1948. It could have been in November or December.

"The second high point of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's speech was, he stressed the importance of building a new people's party in the United State , and said that the Communist Party should work with an aim to becoming a part of this new people's party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information.

In reports dated November 26, 1945 and March 10, 1946, CVETIC reported on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER mass meetings held by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in the Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, on November 25, 1945 and the Henry Clay Frick School, Pittsburgh, on March 10, 1946, respectively. According to these reports, FOSTER denounced the United States at both meetings. CVETIC reported that at the March 10, 1946 meeting, FOSTER stated that Russia had never been conquered and could not be defeated. Neither of these reports set out that FOSTER stressed the importance of building a new people's party in the United States. The report of March 10, 1946 set out that FOSTER made an appeal for Communist Party recruits.

13. Re testimony: Page 97, last paragraph, to Page 98, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. At meetings of the District Committee of the Communist Party, the Progressive Party, once it was organized, was always on

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the agenda, and blanket instructions were issued to all Communist Party members to join the Progressive Party. Then when the Progressive Party was organized, the line was at that time and is still at the present time, that the Progressive Party is one of our big concentration points.

"Take, for example, in Western Pennsylvania today, at the most recent functionary meeting of the Communist Party instructions were issued to everybody to register as members of the Progressive Party. I don't know how successful they have been. I know I didn't take time to register, but I know some Communist Party members did register as a result of those instructions.

"Mr. WALTER. Would you say the Communists in the area with which you are acquainted are all members of the Progressive Party?

"Mr. CVETIC. We only started registering this year because we were not a party on the ballot before, but I would say yes, they are all members of the Progressive Party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information. CVETIC's most recent report with regard to a meeting of district functionaries of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania was submitted on January 14, 1950 and concerned a meeting held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on January 14, 1950. This report did not contain any mention of the Progressive Party.

It is noted, however, that CVETIC has submitted reports in which he has set out that Communist Party members were requested to register as Progressive Party members.

14. Re testimony: Page 98, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know the approximate membership of the Progressive Party in Western Pennsylvania?

"Mr. CVETIC. At the last election we voted four thousand votes. I would say that this would represent about the Progressive Party strength in Western Pennsylvania."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which reports this information. It is noted that this information has been available in local newspapers.

According to CNDI PI-37, the Progressive Party polled 3,256 votes for ALEX WRIGHT, Progressive Party candidate for City Council at the November, 1949 elections.

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15. Re testimony: Page 112, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. KEARNEY. Did the authorities know it would be a Communist Party meeting?

"Mr. CVETIC. I would say yes, because objections were raised at various times with Mr. DIEBEL, who is in charge of the library, objections raised by patriotic Americans, but he said as long as he was there if they wanted to use it for meetings they could do so."

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located setting out this information. It is noted that the individual referred to by CVETIC in Paragraph 5 is GEORGE SEIBEL, manager of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny.

16. Re testimony: Page 116, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "The report I heard made by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, district secretary of the Communist Party, was that in the eighteen months since STEVE NELSON and ANDY ONDA came to Pittsburgh, not more than 25 people were recruited into the Communist Party in this strategic steel area. The best I have been able to ascertain, they have suffered some loss in that area. We had about 800 members in 1948, and now we have only 550 members in Western Pennsylvania."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information.

PI-14 reported on December 11, 1948 that as of November 1, 1948 the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania had approximately 762 registered members in 1948.

17. Re testimony: Page 118, Paragraphs 9-10.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who helped you in this organizational work at Crucible Steel Company?

"Mr. CVETIC. DAVE GRANT, who was the city secretary of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh; ELEANOR SACKTER; and MIKE SAUNDERS. MIKE SAUNDERS has since been transferred to New York City."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which described MIKE SAUNDERS as having done Communist Party organizational work at the Crucible Steel Company in Pittsburgh.

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[redacted] reported on January 25, 1946 that MIKE SAUNDERS' principal activity in Communist Party steel organizational work was at the Pressed Steel Car Company, McKees Rocks, Pa.

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18. Re testimony: Page 119, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who were those that were exposed as Communist Party members and expelled from the union?

"Mr. CVETIC. One was ZYGMUND PASCOWSKI. Another was JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON. Another one who was elected an officer, whether he was ousted or not I don't know, was MIKE FILEWICH."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which reports that MIKE FILEWICH was an officer in the Crucible Steel Local of the United Steelworkers-CIO.

19. Re testimony: Page 119, last paragraph, and Page 120, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you identify any of the present members there? (at Crucible Steel Co.)

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I can. While I haven't had contact with this cell over the past two years, I have seen at Communist Party meetings MIKE FILEWICH and JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON, even though I understand that for some reason which was not apparent to me SONNY ROBINSON was censored by the District Committee of the Communist Party, and he may even have been expelled since my contacts with him."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he advised that JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON was censored or expelled from the Communist Party.

CVETIC reported on January 14, 1950 that ROBINSON had attended a meeting of District functionaries and members held on that date at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh. In view of this report, it should have been apparent to CVETIC that ROBINSON had not been expelled.

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PI-26 has advised that JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON is presently a member of the Food Branch of the Communist Party. PI-10, [redacted] and [redacted] have reported that during the spring of 1949, ROBINSON was caught stealing or gambling at the Crucible Steel Co. and was discharged. [redacted] reported on April 15, 1949 that ROBINSON was to be transferred from the Steel Club.

20. Re testimony: Page 120, Paragraphs 2-4.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you identify for the committee other members of the Communist Party who are currently active or have been active in the steel industry for the benefit of the Communist Party?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I can add some names to the organizers I have already mentioned.

"At the J. & L. Plant, South Side, ALEX STABOR was one of the Communist Party organizers, although I believe that recently he has been transferred to the UE cell of the Communist Party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out that ALEX STABER was recently transferred to the UE cell of the Communist Party.

As set out in the report of SA JOE H. PEARSON, Pittsburgh, 1/27/50, in the case entitled "ALEXANDER STABER, wa., SECURITY MATTER - C," (Bufile 100-124110) STABER was employed by the Home Radio Division, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Sunbury, Pa. on September 7, 1949. W. H. LUTZY of same company advised on February 2, 1950 that STABER returned to Pittsburgh in December, 1949, and that mail was to be sent him in care of the UERMWA, East Pittsburgh. No information has been received from any source that STABER has been transferred to the UE cell of the Communist Party.

21. Re testimony: Page 123, Paragraphs 5-6.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know STEVE ROSNER, who was the international representative of UE in Pittsburgh, and if so, was he a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I know STEVE ROSNER very well, and I have attended District Committee meetings of the Communist Party with STEVE ROSNER. He is a member of the Communist Party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he specifically stated that ROSNER had been observed by him at a District Committee meeting. CVETIC has reported ROSNER as being present at meetings of Communist Party leaders, but has never designated such meetings as District Committee meetings.

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[redacted] reported that ROSNER attended but one District Committee meeting and that as of March 8, 1947 he was a member of the District Buro.

22. Re testimony: Page 123, last paragraph, Page 124, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. In the Communist movement in Western Pennsylvania, TOM FITZPATRICK was always looked upon as the leading member. At District Committee meetings of the Communist Party, TOM FITZPATRICK, at least up until recently, usually made the report on what was being accomplished at the Westinghouse Plant in East Pittsburgh. On many occasions, TOM QUINN accompanied TOM FITZPATRICK at these meetings."

No report submitted by CVETIC or any other source of this office can be located which sets out that THOMAS QUINN attended a District Committee meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

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23. Re testimony: Page 128, Paragraphs 8-11.

"Mr. CVETIC. Most of the Communist Party activities in mining are centered in Washington County, Allegheny Valley, and around the Johnstown area. Some of the other organizers in this area are: MIKE STANOVICH, for Allegheny Valley. STEVE PAICH, for Washington County. STEVE STRAKA, also for Washington County."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out that STEVE STRAKA is an organizer in the coal mining areas. CVETIC, however, has reported STRAKA in attendance at District Committee meetings and District Conventions of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

24. Re testimony: Page 145, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. Well, I can quote STEVE NELSON on the atom bomb, but in so far as the atom bomb secret, I always thought it was the better part of discretion not to ask any questions concerning espionage of the atom bomb. However, when President Truman announced that Russia had the atom bomb, I rode home with STEVE NELSON after a meeting and he made the following statement to me, and I am quoting here STEVE NELSON; he said: 'We have the atom bomb now and the enemy won't be in such a God damned hurry to start a war.' When he said the 'enemy' he was referring to the United States Government."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets forth this information.

25. Re testimony: Page 145, Paragraph 5, Page 146, Paragraphs 1-6.

CVETIC stated: "And still on another occasion, in referring to help for China--and here I am talking about help from the United States, we were discussing help for the new people's government in China--STEVE NELSON made the following statement to me: 'We should take all the help in money, machinery and material from the enemy'--and here again 'enemy' refers to the United States--'as this will hasten the day here.' When he refers to help he is talking about help for the new people's government in China.

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"He further said: 'We should take all the help we can from the suckers over here.'

"Mr. CASE. What was the date of that statement?

"Mr. CVETIC. The date and the statement are in the files of the FBI. I did not keep copies of my reports to the FBI, but I did keep notations. This was when the victory in China was becoming apparent, and they started to build a drive here to get help from the United States for machinery and material.

"Mr. CASE. In other words, it was within the past year?

"Mr. CVETIC. It was within the past year. His statement is in my reports in the FBI files."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information.

It is to be noted that this office has never had any indication that CVETIC kept notations concerning his activities within the Communist Party as mentioned by him in Paragraph 4, Page 146.

26. Re testimony: Page 153, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. CASE. This quotation, is that taken from an official document?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. It is taken from the Party line. I turned over the official report to the FBI."

CVETIC's report of July 31, 1945, which set out his observations of the 1945 Communist Party Convention held in New York City, contained no reference to the above "official document." It is noted that this document, or report, is not sufficiently identified to enable this office to make any comment concerning same.

27. Re testimony: Page 169, last paragraph, to Page 170, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Are all these programs handled in the same manner as were the programs of the American Slav Congress?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. The line taken into these programs was always discussed by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party or by the Communists at the Language Press and then carried into the program."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information as applying to all of the radio programs mentioned on Page 169.

28. Re testimony: Page 171, Paragraphs 2-3.

CVETIC stated: "In earlier testimony I stated that while the Communist Party is working in the coal fields, they haven't made any progress with the United Mine Workers. Take, for example, in the present strike, I met with BILL GORDON, a Communist Party organizer, a week ago last Saturday, and he said the Communist Party has brought fifty youth leaders from New York to work in the coal fields, and they are going out there with the Sunday and Daily Worker, and they are collecting food.

"BILL GORDON said: 'You give the coal miner a can of food. Then when you offer him a Daily or Sunday Worker, how can he turn it down?' So they use food as bait."

No report of CVETIC's can be located which sets out this information.

It is to be noted that this information may have been received by CVETIC after his discontinuance by this office.

29. Re testimony: Page 174, Paragraph 5, to Page 175, Paragraph 8.

"Mr. KEARNEY. You have testified to methods by which the Communist Party disseminates the Party line among the rank and file. Will you tell the committee who determines the so-called twists and turns of this line, and where it originates?

"Mr. CVETIC. I have previously testified that in Party meetings we never talk about Communism just in one word. We always refer to international communism. In other words, when we have these educational classes and have discussions, we never talk about Communism. We talk about international Communism. In other words, the struggle is for international Communism, to Communize the world.

"In addition to these theoretical books of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and so on, we are furnished with the Sunday and Daily Worker, which is available to us, and which is the official organ of the Communist Party here. And for the advanced and functionary members of the Communist Party we are furnished a weekly bulletin which is the official document of the Cominform, and which comes out of the Eastern European countries. This is also furnished to the advanced members of the Communist Party so that they can take the line down

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"Mr. KEARNEY. That line originates outside the confines of the United States?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. The bulletin we got is the official document of the Cominform.

"Mr. KEARNEY. Where does it come from?

"Mr. CVETIC. From Bucharest, I think. It is made available to us weekly.

"Mr. KEARNEY. In other words, the American Communist not only follows the Party line all the way down the line, but takes orders from Bucharest or somewhere else outside the confines of the United States?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. Our orders come from the Kremlin, from the Cominform. I mentioned before the secretary of the French Communist Party who was instrumental in bringing about the Communist Party line change at the national convention of the Communist Party in 1945.

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to add that this bulletin is also on the 'must' reading list for functionaries and advanced Party members."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information or any information concerning the Communist Party line as announced by the Cominform. It is noted that the Cominform organ has usually been published twice a month rather than weekly, and that CVETIC at no time furnished any detailed information regarding the policies of the Cominform.

30. Re testimony: Page 176, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. All I know is that it is the official document of the Cominform. I have submitted copies to the FBI. The document the Congressman is looking at seems to be one of them."

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No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which mentions the official document of the Cominform and no information regarding this organ as furnished by CVETIC can be located in the files of this office. It is noted that [redacted] has made this organ available on occasion and the Bureau has been advised of same.

31. Re testimony: Page 178, last paragraph, to Page 179, Paragraph 5.

"Mr. CVETIC. Well, I can recollect at least one occasion when ROY HUDSON, who was then district organizer for the Communist Party--and this was while I was employed at the United States Employment Service--ROY HUDSON asked me to come to his office one day, and he asked me to secure from the files of the United States Employment Service information

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relative to the number of employees working in industry in Western Pennsylvania. The information he requested he wanted broken down into the various companies and various industries, steel and so on.

"In answer to ROY HUDSON's request, before I furnished him with any information I contacted the office of the FBI and told them what he wanted me to do. They told me to go ahead and see what I could find, and before I turned it over to ROY HUDSON to check with them.

"I went to the United States Employment Service, removed the information from the files that ROY HUDSON wanted me to get; I checked it with the agent of the FBI with whom I was working; we manipulated some of the figures; then I turned them over to ROY HUDSON. What he did with the figures after I turned them over to him, I don't know.

"Mr. TAVENNER. When did that occur?

"Mr. CVETIC. He came to Pittsburgh as the district organizer after the national convention of 1945, and this was six months or so after I met him in Pittsburgh. I would say it was the latter part of 1945 or first part of 1946. I filed a report on it, and cleared with the FBI before I turned the papers over to ROY HUDSON."

No report submitted by CVETIC, and no information regarding this incident can be located in the files of this office.

It is noted that CVETIC has previously advised this office that he ceased work at the U. S. Employment Service in December, 1945 and in a report submitted by him on November 25, 1945 he set out that "CVETIC was going on full time as executive secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief next week."

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[redacted] advised that ROY HUDSON came to Pittsburgh as district chairman of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania, on September 26, 1945.

32. Re testimony: Page 179, last paragraph, to Page 183, Paragraph 8.

This testimony concerns records of the Civil Rights Congress, the American Slav Congress and the Progressive Party, which were maintained at 943 Liberty Ave., and which were made available to the House Committee on Un-American Activities by CVETIC.

It is noted that the above material was secured by CVETIC subsequent to January 23, 1950, the last day on which CVETIC was officially contacted by this office.

It is further noted, however, that CVETIC voluntarily telephoned this office on February 1, 1950, at which time he stated he intended to secure the above records within a few days and that he would voluntarily make same available to this office in the near future. It is further noted that the Bureau had instructed this office not to initiate any further contact with CVETIC after January 23, 1950 and that he did not voluntarily re-contact this office after February 1, 1950.

33. Re testimony: Page 184, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "At a meeting which I attended recently, and that was about three months ago, of the North Side Section Committee, BILL ALBERTSON, district secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, in asking BILL GORDON and JOHN VIDMAR to visit a couple clergymen in West Side, Pittsburgh for the purpose of organizing a peace front, said to BILL GORDON and JOHN VIDMAR: 'You don't have to tell the clergymen you contact to induce them to front for a peace organization what our real aims and program are.' They are interested in organizing a peace drive, but we are told to keep our real aims from the people."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out the above quotation attributed to BILL ALBERTSON. CVETIC, however, has reported that a meeting of the membership of the North Side Section of the Communist Party was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, on the evening of January 5, 1950; that seven persons were present. CVETIC's report set out that "...BILL ALBERTSON stated that if we (Communists) can get several persons to join with us on any one issue whether it be a strike for a wage increase, on the Negro Question, on Peace or on the fare increase (Pgh. Railways Co.) this is what is meant by United Front Work...

"As a result of BILL ALBERTSON's suggestions and report the following work was adopted for the Northside Section.

"JOHN VIDMAR and BILL GORDON are to visit Mr. SEIBEL at the Northside Carnegie Library and discuss with him the organization of a Peace movement...If Mr. SEIBEL won't go along then they are to see the Minister at the Unitarian Church on ReSaca Place who BILL said sent for some Communist literature to the Party office some months ago, but we haven't heard from him since. If he can't be gotten then three or four other progressive ministers in Northside are to be contacted."

It is also noted that CNDI PI-26 reported on the above meeting but did not report the statement attributed to ALBERTSON by CVETIC in his testimony.

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II. Is CVETIC's testimony before the Committee substantially the same as the information previously furnished to your office by him on the matters covered in the testimony?

Yes, with the following exceptions.

1. Re testimony: Page 3, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "In 1935 I went to work for the Department of Justice on a crime survey;..."

In November, 1947 CVETIC advised this office that he had been employed from 1935 to 1937 as a research worker for the WPA on a crime survey at Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, Pa. When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY on May 6, 7, 9, 1949, CVETIC stated he had worked for the WPA and the Departments of Commerce, Labor and Justice on a crime survey at Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary during 1936 and 1937.

2. Re testimony: Page 3, Paragraphs 8-12.

"Mr. CVETIC: ...In December, 1945 I went to work for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief as the executive secretary in Western Pennsylvania.

"Mr. TAVENNER. How long did you work for them?

"Mr. CVETIC. About two years.

"Mr. TAVENNER. And when did you cease working for them?

"Mr. CVETIC. In December 1947, when I was made executive secretary of the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania.

When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY in 1949, as mentioned above and as set out in reports submitted in 1945 and 1946, CVETIC advised that he was employed as executive secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief from December, 1945 to November, 1946 and that during the latter month he became executive secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.

3. Re testimony: Page 8, Paragraphs 7-8.

(Re CVETIC's membership in the TOM PAINE Professional Branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh).

"Mr. CVETIC. ...At the time I joined, STEVE DEDIJER and DOLLY GAINOR were two of the members...M. Y. STEINBERG, attorney, in Pittsburgh, was a member;...MARTIN KRASICH, an officer of the Croatian Fraternal

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Union, was a member..."

With regard to STEVE DEDIER, CVETIC reported on February 24, 1943 that "I attended our regular meeting of the TOM PAINE Branch of the Communist Party on Wednesday night, March 24, 1943 at the residence of DOLLY GAYNOR, 73 Dimling Way, Oakland, Pittsburgh... The following were in attendance...STEVE DEDIER, husband of DOLLY GAYNOR, who came in late (after the meeting)."

It is noted that CVETIC has furnished no further information which would indicate that DEDIER was a member of the TOM PAINE Branch. The file entitled "STEVE DEDIER, was.; INTERNAL SECURITY-R," (Bureau file 100-18572) contains no information regarding DEDIER's membership in any specific branch of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

With reference to M. I. STEINBERG (MORRIS ISEE STEINBERG), CVETIC reported on November 21, 1943 that, "Last night at the home of Attorney STEINBERG, located at 1402 Severn St. in Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh, the Progressive Discussion Group held a joint meeting of the TOM PAINE Branch of the Communist Party and their group, and members of the Squirrel Hill Branch and their group...I recognized the following people at the meeting, all well known to me...Attorney STEINBERG."

In a report dated March 21, 1944, CVETIC advised that during the course of a Professional and White Collar Wartime Conference which was organized by the TOM PAINE Branch and held in the Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh on March 20, 1944, "LEE KOGAN said that he is trying to get YEE STEINBERG into the TOM PAINE Branch."

On July 14, 1946, CVETIC orally advised that ANDREE HUDSON had remarked that she had finally been successful in getting YEE STEINBERG to attend one of their branch meetings and that STEINBERG had attended the last meeting of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party. CVETIC reported on August 21, 1947 that "YEE STEINBERG had attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Professional Club of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh held...on August 20, 1947."

It is noted that according to CVETIC's reports the TOM PAINE Branch was dissolved in June, 1944; that CVETIC did not definitely identify STEINBERG as a member of that branch, although he did report him as a Professional Branch member in 1947.

With reference to MARTIN KRASICH, the report of SA ALEXANDER M. GANSKY, Pittsburgh, 7/10/44 in the case entitled "MARTIN KRASICH, wa., INTERNAL SECURITY-C," (Bureau file 100-256916) sets out at Page 7, Paragraph 4,

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that CVETIC had advised he had not noticed any activity on the part of KRASICH among the Slavish groups he (CVETIC) comes in contact with."

On June 8, 1943, CVETIC reported that KRASICH attended and spoke at a meeting of the National Committee of the Croatian Section of the Communist Party which was held on that date in Pittsburgh, Pa., but as set out in the report of SA [redacted], Pittsburgh, 4/29/47, Page 4, Paragraph 4, in the above Files, CVETIC advised that he had not definitely identified KRASICH as a member of the Communist Party.

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By report dated August 21, 1947, CVETIC advised that during the course of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Professional Club held at Pittsburgh on August 20, 1947, he had learned that MARTIN KRASICH was a member of the Professional Club. KRASICH was not reported in attendance at this meeting, however.

It is noted that the TOM PAINE Branch was dissolved in June, 1944 and that CVETIC did not identify KRASICH as a member of that branch although he did report that he had learned KRASICH was a member of the Professional Branch in 1947.

4. Re testimony: Page 11, Paragraph 4.

CVETIC stated: "My next position after that came in 1944 when I met with PETE KARPA, DOLLY GALNOR and MAX WEISS, who was then the district organizer for the Communist Party. They told me because of my nationality background, I was to be assigned to become active in language work. My first assignment was in the American Slav Congress."

By report dated November 29, 1943, CVETIC advised that he had lunched with PETE KARPA on that date and that PETE said that he was instructed to select a Party member to help organize the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress...He said because of his Slav name he, MART, (CVETIC) was selected to organize the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress in conjunction with TONY MIKLANICH (MIKLANICH).

5. Re testimony: Page 16, Paragraph 6.

CVETIC stated: (the members of the East End Club) "Another member was ESTHER ROTH. She is now employed as JACK STACHEL's secretary at the Western Pennsylvania District of the United Office and Professional Workers of America."

CVETIC has reported ESTHER ROTH as being "at the CIO" but not specifically as being JACK STACHEL's secretary.

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6. Page 19, Paragraphs 8-10, Page 20, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. I helped to organize a cell in the Crucible Steel Company, which is located at 30th Street in Pittsburgh.

"Mr. TAVENNER. How many members were recruited into that cell?

"Mr. CVETIC. The top membership at one time was 22 members, approximately."

On August 6, 1947, CVETIC reported that during the course of a meeting with several named Communist Party members at the American Slav Congress headquarters, Pittsburgh, on August 6, 1947, he had learned that fifteen individuals, whom he named, were members of the Crucible Steel Club.

7. Re testimony: Page 31, last paragraph.

CVETIC stated: "...In 1944 the Nationality Commission met prior to and during the American Slav Congress convention in Pittsburgh. It met prior to and during the national convention of the Croatian Fraternal Union in Pittsburgh in 1947. It met when Party line changes such as the Tito-Stalin split occurred, to announce that the Party line to be followed would be as directed by the Cominform."

CVETIC's reports submitted in 1944 described the meetings held prior to and during the second American Slav Congress held at Pittsburgh in that year as being meetings of CPA members within the American Slav Congress, rather than as meetings of the Nationality Commission.

CVETIC submitted no reports in 1947 which indicated that meetings of the national or local Nationality Commission (National Groups Commission) were held during the Croatian Fraternal Union National Convention held at Pittsburgh from September 15, to September 26, 1947. CVETIC did report, however, that STEVE NELSON met with some of the individual delegates to the CFU Convention, which individuals CVETIC has at various times reported as being members of the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party, USA.

8. Re testimony: Page 34, Paragraphs 10-11.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a meeting on June 21, 1947, in room 308 of the Hotel Lincoln in New York City?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I did."

CVETIC's report dated June 22, 1947 set out that the above was a meeting of Yugoslav leaders from the United States, Canada, and the Yugoslav Embassy and that said meeting was held in Room 308 of the

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It is noted, however, that CVETIC had previously reported that this meeting was to be a Communist Party Nationality Group Conference.

9. Re testimony: Page 35, Paragraphs 4-6.

"Mr. CVETIC. When I arrived at the Yugoslav Home--

"Mr. TAVENNER. That is located at 405 West 31st Street?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. When I arrived there I was met by PETE VUKCEVICH. He told me to keep the FBI off the trail we were all going to this meeting place separately. He escorted me to the Hotel Lincoln and to room 208, where the meeting was held."

CVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 sets this information out as follows:

"...The meeting was originally called for the Yugoslav Club located at 405 West 41st St. in New York City. When those who were to attend the meeting arrived at this address they proceeded to the club, which was located on the third floor. There, instructions were issued by STEVE NELSON that the comrades break up in two's and three's and they would be guided by one of the group to the place of the meeting. This they proceeded to do and their ultimate destination was Room 308 in the Hotel Lincoln."

10. Re testimony: Page 37, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know what position in the Yugoslav Embassy Dr. SLAVKO ZORE held?

"Mr. CVETIC. At the present time it skips me, but I knew at that time. I met with him at various times in the Yugoslav Home and at the Embassy."

CVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 identified ZORE as: "SLAVKO ZORE--Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia."

11. Re testimony: Page 37, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You state there was another person from the Yugoslav Embassy present. Was that PERO DRAGILA?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, he was there."

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CVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 identified this individual as PERO or PETRO -- Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia; small mole on right cheek; gold tooth cap in upper right hand jaw; hair-do resembles RAYMOND MASSEY, as do general features; sallow complexion; fairly heavy beard."

Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, June 27, 1947 in the case entitled "YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," suggested that this individual was probably PERO DRAGICA (C) (U)

12. Re testimony: Page 37, Paragraph 8, to Page 56, Paragraph 6.

(Re CVETIC's description of meeting described above at Hotel Lincoln, New York City, on 6/21/47).

It is noted that the major portion of this testimony follows the tenor and in many instances is taken verbatim from Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, 6/27/47, in the case entitled "YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, INTERNAL SECURITY - R." Although said Pittsburgh letter described the proceedings of the June 21, 1947 meeting as reported by CVETIC, it had been necessary to paraphrase informant's report for clarity with the result that the verbiage used in the Pittsburgh letter was not the same as set out in CVETIC's report. (C) (U) (4)

13. Re testimony: Page 56, Paragraph 7:

CVETIC stated: "...After the meeting Dr. ZORE met with STEVE NELSON and sharply criticized him for not exerting better discipline amongst the members of the Nationality Commission."

This information was not set out in CVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 regarding the June 21, 1947 meeting at the Hotel Lincoln, New York City. However, in a report dated January 2, 1949, CVETIC advised that NELSON had related the above information to him.

14. Re testimony: Page 59, Paragraphs 10-13, Page 60, Paragraphs 1-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. When was the last meeting of the Pittsburgh Nationality Commission that you attended?

"Mr. CVETIC. The latter part of October or first part of November 1949. The Commission has not met since that time, because STEVE NELSON, the chairman of the Pittsburgh Commission, has been laid up with a broken leg.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Where was the last meeting held?

"Mr. CVETIC. The last meeting I attended was at 1916 East Street, the office of the Communist Language Press. This meeting was called for the purpose of setting up an American Yugoslav Defense Committee of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who attended this last meeting in October or November, 1949?

"Mr. CVETIC. This meeting was attended by STEVE NELSON, the district organizer for the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania; MANE SUSNJAR, LEO FISHER, TONY MINERICH, CALVIN BROOK, and myself."

On November 26, 1949 CVETIC submitted his last report to this office with regard to a National Groups Commission meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. This meeting was held at 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, on the afternoon of November 25, 1949. This report did not set out that LEO FISHER and CALVIN BROOK had attended this meeting. However, in addition to NELSON, SUSNJAR and MINERICH, the report did set out that the following attended: JOHN STRIZICH, ARTHUR BARTL, DRAGO KOSICH, CHARLIE VUICH, GEORGE WICHICICH and MILO MANULA. According to said report, the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing a local affair to be held for GEORGE PIRINSKY, the delegates to be sent to the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born Conference to be held in Detroit, Michigan, on December 3 and 4, 1949, and the delegates to be sent to the American Slav Congress National Committee meeting to be held in Detroit on December 4, 1949. CVETIC advised, however, that some discussion was had concerning the organization of a Yugoslav Section of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

15. Re testimony: Page 60, Paragraph 7.

"Mr. CVETIC. During the summer of 1944 the Nationality Commission met regularly in offices of the International Workers Order in the Columbia Bank Building, and also in offices of the Communist Party in the Bakewell Building in Pittsburgh, for the purpose of planning the national convention of the American Slav Congress, which was scheduled to be held in Pittsburgh in September of that year."

Reports submitted by CVETIC in 1944 reflect that most of these meetings, described as being those of CPA Language Group Committee within the American Slav Congress and CPA leaders active in the American Slav Congress, were held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, 1916 East St., and at IWO District Headquarters in the Columbia Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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16. Re testimony: Page 65, last paragraph.

"Mr. CVETIC. I held a minor position with the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania from 1944 on. However, in 1947 the Nationality Commission directed that I be made the executive secretary..."

Reports submitted by CVETIC in 1946 reflect that he became executive secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania in November, 1946.

17. Re testimony: Page 66, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. I went to the American Slav Congress in 1944 as a delegate from the State, County and Municipality Professional Workers. This is now the UPOWA."

CVETIC's reports reflect he attended the 1944 American Slav Congress as a delegate of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America-CIO.

18. Re testimony: Page 69, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who were the Party members from the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party who carried out the Communist Party dictates with reference to the policies to be adopted by the American Slav Congress?

"Mr. CVETIC. GEORGE PIRIUSKY, STEVE KRALL, CHARLES MUZIL, HARRY JUSTIZ, LEO BACICH. These are all Communist Party members, because I have attended Nationality Commission meetings of the Communist Party with them."

CVETIC has reported STEVE KRALL and CHARLES MUZIL (MUSIL) as having attended meetings of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress, but no reports were located reflecting that these individuals attended meetings of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party.

19. Re testimony: Page 70, Paragraph 13, Page 71, Paragraphs 1-2.

"Mr. CVETIC. Three or four years ago I was visiting in New York with GEORGE WUCHINICH and we met with STEVE NELSON to discuss policy regarding the American Slav Congress. We took a walk with STEVE NELSON, and in the course of the conversation STEVE NELSON told GEORGE WUCHINICH that he should be a member of the Communist Party, and after a little talk between STEVE and GEORGE and myself, GEORGE WUCHINICH asked STEVE NELSON how he could join.

"'Well,' STEVE said, 'you should be one of the members at large because

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of your importance, and not a card-carrying member.' He said, 'As a matter of fact, even MATT here should not know you are a member of the Party. So from now on you will be a Communist Party member, but keep it to yourself. Only the three of us will know!'"

This information was originally reported by CVETIC to the New York Office and details of same are fully set out in New York letter to Bureau, 10/16/47, in the case entitled "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY-C."

By report dated October 18, 1947, CVETIC advised that he had relayed the above information regarding the Communist Party membership of WUCHINICH to ROY HUDSON. CVETIC subsequently orally advised that WUCHINICH was considered a Communist Party member at large.

20. Re testimony: Page 72, Paragraph 2, to Page 74, Paragraph 7.

(Re statement issued by the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania condemning the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which statement was signed by JOSEPH RUDIAK, President, and MATTHEW CVETIC, Secretary).

CVETIC stated, "This statement was drafted after a meeting between STEVE NELSON, GEORGE WUCHINICH and myself. The actual statement was drafted by GEORGE WUCHINICH."

The above statement cannot be located in the Pittsburgh files and no report of CVETIC mentioning same or its drafting can be located.

However, on June 27, 1949, CVETIC furnished a carbon copy of a news release issued under date of June 26, 1949 by "MATTHEW CVETIC, Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania" which set out, "The American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania in a statement issued by its Executive Secretary, MATTHEW CVETIC, wholeheartedly repudiated and denounced the subversive charge leveled at it by the House Un-American Committee, based on its 150 paged trumped up report.

"In issuing the statement, Mr. CVETIC pointed to the record of the American Slav Congress during the war and to its patriotic program today--of fighting for world peace, jobs, housing and civil and political rights for all the people.

"Mr. CVETIC said further that if there are any subversive elements in this country, it is those planners of World War III who are hiding their war aims behind a smoke screen of framed up trials, trumped up

investigations and fake charges against all those who are fighting to keep decency and democracy alive in America.

"And condemning the House Un-American Committee for attempting to perpetrate this deception on the American people, Mr. CVETIC called on those Congressmen who are wasting the people's money carrying on these trumped up investigations to get down to business and legislate the housing, civil rights, FEPC and labor program which they were promising when they ran for office in 1948.

"As for the American Slav Congress, said Mr. CVETIC, it will keep up the fight until the goal of world peace, freedom, equality and abundance is secured to all the people."

According to a typed notation appearing on the above carbon copy of said statement, it was "written by M. CVETIC, Executive Secretary, after talk with STEVE NELSON who suggested same."

21. Re testimony: Page 77, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. Tavenner. You mentioned the Croation Council. Is that the full name of that organization?

"Mr. Cvetic. No. It is the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent."

By report dated June 8, 1949, CVETIC advised that FRANK BORICH had told him the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent had changed its name to "Union of American Croats" (Union of American Croatians); that this change had been made because the National Council had been cited by the Attorney General as being a subversive organization. It is noted that other sources have advised that this organization is no longer known as the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent.

22. Re testimony: Page 82, Paragraph 6.

(Re functions of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born), CVETIC stated: "This Committee, for the most part, carried on legal defense for Communist Party members who were arrested for deportation. When I say for Communist Party members, at a meeting ABNER GREEN once told me that 66 of the 67 persons arrested for deportation up to that time were Communist Party members. He told me that in a little coffee clutch. And the other person, whom they

did not defend, had some reason other than political why he was being deported, and the Committee did not interest themselves in his welfare."

By report dated December 13, 1948, CVETIC advised that the 15th Anniversary National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born had been held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, Ill., on December 11, 12, 1948. Among other things, he reported:

"There was no longer any effort to deny that the deportees were Communists. The speakers, and several of them repeated this, that of the 66 deportees, 65 are members of the Communist Party, one a member of the CPA. The 67th one, JOE WEBER, is a member of the Communist Party."

In the above report, CVETIC did not mention a person whom the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born was not defending.

23. Re testimony: Page 84, Paragraph 4.

"Mr. CVETIC. Recently we have set up an American Yugoslav Defense Committee. This is a subcommittee of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. I was made chairman of this new committee, MARY BORICH was made secretary, and MATE SUSNJAR was made treasurer."

By report dated December 10, 1949 CVETIC advised the official name of the above organization was adopted at a meeting held on that date as "American Yugoslav Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born."

24. Re testimony: Page 84, Paragraph 8.

(Re financial status of American Yugoslav Defense Committee.)

CVETIC stated: "...We raised about $250 up until the day I left Pittsburgh."

By report dated January 4, 1950, CVETIC advised that the American Yugoslav Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born had received approximately $318; that expenditures had reduced this amount to $225.

25. Re testimony: Page 98, Paragraphs 6-7.

"Mr. TAVENNER. What is the approximate membership of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, if you know?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I know. At the last report given by the district secretary of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, his figure--and these are his figures--were approximately 550 members."

CVETIC advised in a report dated April 30, 1949 that BILL ALBERTSON had stated at a district committee meeting that as of that date there were 562 registered members of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

An anonymous source advised on February 5, 1950 that as of January 13, 1950 there were 464 registered members in the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

26. Re testimony: Page 99, Paragraphs 9-10.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You stated you turned your records over to the FBI?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes."

In the event CVETIC is referring to his own membership cards for 1947 and 1948 his statement is correct since these cards are on file in this office. In the event he is referring to Communist Party records of the Lawrenceville Club, he has reported that he did not have access to such records and that same were kept by LOUIS FILETICH, Lawrenceville Club secretary.

27. Re testimony: Page 102, Paragraph 5.

CVETIC stated: "...I mentioned before that at every functionary or district committee meeting in 1948 the Progressive Party was discussed..."

Although CVETIC has reported that the Progressive Party was discussed at many Communist Party meetings in 1948, his reports do not indicate that it was discussed at every such meeting. His testimony in this regard is exaggerated since CVETIC did not attend all functionary and district committee meetings in 1948.

28. Re testimony: Page 110, Paragraph 2.

"Mr. CVETIC. The National Board of the Communist Party, at its 1945 convention, established Western Pennsylvania as a steel concentration area."

CVETIC did not set this information out in his report dated July 31, 1945, which described the proceedings of the 1945 Communist Party, USA Convention. He has furnished subsequent information and exhibits, however, which do indicate that the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania was to concentrate in basic industries--steel, electrical and coal.

29. Re testimony: Page 112, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. In August 1948 the district office of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, through its organizer ROY HUDSON, called a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party. This meeting, which I attended as a leading functionary of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, was held in the lecture room of the North Side Carnegie Library. It was attended by approximately 110 members of the Communist Party who were either elected members of the District Committee or leading Party functionaries. Functionaries could be members of the Nationality Commission, members of the Steel Commission, or any one of the Commissions that functioned."

By report dated July 11, 1948, CVETIC advised the above was a District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania held on the evening of July 9, 1948 and on July 10, 11, 1948, at the Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. CVETIC reported that there were 106 official delegates and 29 visitors attending the three-day sessions.

30. Re testimony: Page 114, last paragraph, Page 115, first paragraph.

CVETIC stated: "...At this meeting JIM DOLSEN, who is the Daily Worker representative and correspondent in Western Pennsylvania, stated to me--and he stated it to me personally; he is one of the leaders of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania and a long-time member: 'I don't see how we can have a successful revolution in this country without getting control of the basic industries.'"

In his report of July 11, 1948, CVETIC described this incident as follows:

"In discussion, JIM DOLSEN said he can't see how the monopolies can be taken over without a revolution." This was reported at Paragraph 1, Page 39, of the report of SA J. EDWARD MADVAY, Pittsburgh, 4/13/49, (Bufile 100-24861), entitled "JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, wa. IS.- C."

31. Re testimony: Page 117, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "...Last year in New York City, while I was having dinner with HYMAN SCHLESSINGER, GEORGE HUSHINICH, and MILO MANULA,

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HYMAN SCHLESSINGER made the following statement: "While we have a strong Communist Party in New York City, I don't see how we can wage a successful revolution unless we build the Party in Pittsburgh. It stands to reason that we must get control of the basic industries and the industrial workers before we can even think of a revolution."

By report dated July 18, 1949, CVETIC set out that while in New York attending the Bill of Rights Conference held on July 16, 17, 1949, he had had dinner with GEORGE WUCHINICH, HILO HANULA, and HYMAN SCHLESSINGER. During the dinner, SCHLESSINGER was reported by CVETIC to have stated, "The revolution, when it comes, will start in Pittsburgh or Detroit--not in New York, despite the fact that we have a large Communist Party here. These retail store strikes here in New York are not important and will not decide anything. Pittsburgh and Detroit have the basic industries. We must get control of these basic industries. Mining and steel are important and coal is the most important. We will have to get a strong Communist Party in basic industries before we can organize the revolution here in this country."

32. Re testimony: Page 121, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. WALTER. What kind of work does GEORGE WUCHINICH do?

"Mr. CVETIC. He is head of Dobrovolni Odbor in New York City."

CVETIC reported on December 13, 1949 that GEORGE WUCHINICH expected to go to work for Dobrovolni Odbor about January 1, 1950.

On January 16, 1950 CVETIC reported WUCHINICH was residing in New York City.

33. Re testimony: Page 129, Paragraphs 6-7.

CVETIC stated: "...The Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania has a Communist cell working in the major hotels in Pittsburgh, and this cell is also responsible for Communist Party infiltration in the Heinz plant located in North Side Pittsburgh.

"I have knowledge of this, since I was a member of the North Side Section Committee, and the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' cell of the Communist Party is also a part of the North Side section, and I attended many meetings with the organizers from this cell."

CVETIC has reported that Communist Party members in Local 237 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Alliance, AFL, comprise the "Food Branch" or "Food Club" of the North Side Section. He has never

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referred to this club as "a cell." On April 14, 1949, CVETIC reported, "...There are a total of 9 members in the Food Club of the Communist Party. This does not include HEINZ's." CVETIC and [redacted] have reported that Communist Party members at the H. J. HEINZ plant in Pittsburgh are members of the "North Side Club" of the North Side Section.

34. Re testimony: Page 129, last paragraph, Page 130, Paragraphs 4, 5 and 8.

(Re main organizers of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell in Pittsburgh). CVETIC stated: "...EDDIE LANG, who works at the Heinz Plant; HAMP GOLDEN, who also works at the Heinz Plant...In the past six months, JOE MANKIN has been the key organizer for the Communist Party activities in this cell, and has been instrumental in carrying out most of the agitation work now being conducted at the Heinz Plant and in the hotels, in Pittsburgh."

It is noted that CVETIC and PI-26 have reported that EDDIE LANGE and HAMP GOLDEN are members of the North Side Club, not the Food Club or the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell. No reports submitted by CVETIC or any other informant have been located which set out that JOE MANKIN carries on agitational work at the Heinz Plant. MANKIN's work appears to be confined to the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Alliance, Local 237, of the AFL.

35. Re testimony: Page 134, Paragraphs 8-9 and Page 135, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. MAVRINAC. What is the approximate membership of the Youth League as of this time?

"Mr. CVETIC. The meeting which I attended at the Fort Pitt Hotel was attended by approximately forty youths. I would place the approximate membership at not more than sixty."

CVETIC's reports of June 17 and 18, 1949 re the founding conference of the Labor Youth League held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on June 17, 1949, set out that said conference was attended by approximately 29 people.

CVETIC has not reported on the approximate membership of the Labor Youth League at the present time, but in the above report set out that the Labor Youth League hoped to recruit 130 members by January 1, 1950.

36. Re testimony: Page 135, Paragraph 4 to Page 136, Paragraph 5.

(Testimony re the sectional breakdown of the Communist Party of

Western Pennsylvania.)

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From time to time, CVETIC has submitted incomplete information regarding such a breakdown, and it is noted that his testimony in this instance is incomplete and confused. No reports have been located in which CVETIC has attempted to set down a specific sectional breakdown in Western Pennsylvania.

PI-26 and the Daily Worker of February 12, 1950, Page 9, Columns 2-3, reported that at the present time there are nine sections (Hill, North Side, East Pittsburgh, Monongahela, Allegheny Valley, Washington County, Cambria County, 28th Congressional District and Beaver County) included in the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

37. Re testimony: Page 138, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give the committee the approximate total membership of these sections that you have just enumerated?

"Mr. CVETIC. The only section that I can give you a figure for is the North Side Section, of which I am a member, and this section had 90 members. I think we are going to lose a few members; perhaps one that I know of."

On November 23, 1948, CVETIC reported the North Side Section membership as 99. No reports have been located in which he stated the North Side Section had 90 members.

On February 5, 1950, an anonymous source advised that as of January 13, 1950 the North Side Section had 52 registered members.

38. Re testimony: Page 141, Paragraph 2.

CVETIC stated: "...After STEVE NELSON was assigned to Western Pennsylvania as its district organizer in August of 1948, up until November 1949 when he became incapacitated due to a broken leg which he suffered while he was out hunting, I met regularly with STEVE NELSON to discuss policy for the American Slav Congress and other front organizations in which I was active and which I have identified before."

As set out in CVETIC's report of July 11, 1948, STEVE NELSON was elected as District Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania at the District Convention held on July 9, 10, and 11, 1948 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

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39. Re testimony: Page 145, Paragraph 4.

GUSTIC stated: "On another occasion, before a meeting which was held at the Unitarian Center in North Side, when the Communist victory in China was becoming apparent early last year, STEVE NELSON said to me: 'We are going to have the biggest liquidation of people's enemies in China since the 1917 revolution.'"

In a report dated December 21, 1948 GUSTIC advised that during the course of a meeting of leaders of the North Side Section held on December 21, 1948 at the Unitarian House, Reeder Place, "STEVE NELSON said that in spite of the fact that American imperialism has been spending over three million dollars a day in China, it has suffered defeat. Within a year there will be one of the biggest liquidations of people's enemies in China, comparable only to the Russian Revolution of 1917."

40. Re testimony: Page 148, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who in the Party has the function of educating the rank and file members regarding the teachings of Communism?

"Mr. GUSTIC. On that I can go back to 1945. At that time I was a member of the Organizational and Educational Committee of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. I can give you the members I sat with on this Committee."

When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE MALEY in May, 1949, GUSTIC stated he became a member of the Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in 1946.

In a report dated February 2, 1946, GUSTIC set out that the organization of the Org-Ed Committee included him as a member.

41. Re testimony: Page 170, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. GUSTIC. The American Slav Congress program went off the air at the request of BILL MATT over six months ago. As to the others, some have cut down their time and we understand some have ceased broadcasting altogether."

GUSTIC's reports in 1949 indicate that the American Slav Congress programs broadcast over Station WJAS were discontinued on April 17, 1949 because of lack of finances.

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42. Re testimony: Page 58, Paragraphs 1-3.

"Mr. CVETIC. There was a serious rift among Americans of Yugoslav descent within the Communist Party. This breach has become so serious that the Communist Party has required its leaders to speak out violently against TITO.

"These words were spoken by STEVE NELSON at a meeting I attended recently in Pittsburgh, called specifically for the purpose of cementing the break within the Communist Party on this issue. 'We must fight against Titoism wherever it rears its ugly head.'

"He elaborated by saying anyone who does not follow the Cominform line will be expelled from the Party."

CVETIC's report of September 26, 1949 set out that during a district conference held on September 25, 1949 STEVE NELSON, in reporting on a recent plenum of the Communist Party stated that "We must take a new approach to Titoism...Tito agents must be exposed wherever and whenever they are found. If any Tito agents come to your house, they are to be shown the door." No reports of CVETIC can be located which contain the specific statement of NELSON as testified by CVETIC.

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III. Is CVETIC's testimony before the Committee substantially accurate in light of information available to your office from other sources on such matters?

Yes, with the following exceptions.

1. Re testimony: Page 9, Paragraphs 9-10.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who was DOLLY GAINOR, referred to by you as one of the members of the Professional Branch?

"Mr. CVETIC. DOLLY GAINOR at that time was a member of the City Committee of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. She is now living in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and is married to PETE KARPA. PETE KARPA was secretary of the City Committee when I joined the Party."

Extensive investigation conducted by this office has failed to indicate that DOLLY GAINOR and PETE KARPA are married.

2. Re testimony: Page 16, last line.

(Re testimony with reference to East End Club members) CVETIC stated: "...RUTH GOLDMAN was a member..."

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The files of this office indicate that CVETIC has confused RUTH GOLDMAN with HELEN GARFINKEL GOLDMAN in this instance. [redacted] and an anonymous source have reported HELEN GARFINKEL GOLDMAN as a member of the East End Club in 1945 and 1946. On February 4, 1949, CVETIC orally advised GOLDMAN was an executive of the Squirrel Hill Club. On April 7, 1949, CVETIC reported a RUTH GOLDMAN as having attended a meeting of Communist Party functionaries at 440 Wood Street, but subsequently orally advised she was the individual he had formerly reported as a member of the East End Club.

3. Re testimony: Page 22, Paragraph 1.

(With reference to SLOVENSKA NARODNA PODPORNA JEDNOTA)

"Mr. CVETIC. In English it means the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Society."

Chicago, office of origin in case entitled "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY; INTERNAL SECURITY-C," carries the official name of the organization as "Slovene National Benefit Society."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/14/50

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former CPUSA [redacted]
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For the Bureau's information, JAMES MOORE of City Desk, "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph," Pittsburgh, Pa., telephonically advised this office on 3/11/50 that he, while at his office at 3:00 AM on 3/11/50, had received an anonymous telephone call; that the caller told MOORE to call "MATTY" and tell him "to shut up or we will do it for him." The anonymous call to MOORE was then terminated.

MOORE advised this office that he believed the anonymous caller was referring to MATT CVETIC and that he had advised JACKSON JONES of the HCUA of the above call and that he (MOORE) had attempted to locate CVETIC to furnish him with the above information.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 15, 1950

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Pittsburgh Informant [redacted]

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Miss Gandy

PURPOSE:

To advise of the possibility of dismissal from the Navy of one of Cvetic's twin sons.

DETAILS:

Special Agent C. D. DeLoach was advised on [redacted]

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Referral/Consult

ACTION:

None. This is merely for your information in view of the publicity being given at this time to our former informant Matthew Cvetic.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1950

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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On Monday, March 13, 1950, Special Agents E. P. BROWN and G. G. BENJAMIN, of this office, covered the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing held in Room 226, Old House Office Building. A quorum of the committee members was present, including Chairman WOOD and the following Congressmen: WALTER, VELDE, MOULDER and HARRISON.

The first witness called was MR. WILLIAM JACKSON JONES, Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities. MR. JONES testified that on February 25, 1950, a Plymouth coach bearing New York license tags 7G-3033 struck a cement pylon in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that investigation by the police of this accident developed the information that the car was driven by one CHARLES TRONICK, age 26, and that the following were occupants of the car:

ADOLPH HAZEL (ph), age 22, residing on 172nd Street, Long Island;
RAYMOND SHEAR, 9019 - 148th Street, Jamaica, Long Island;
JACK JAFFE, 110 Mount Hope, Bronx, New York;
LILLIAN LEWIS, 1065 Monterey Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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The car was also found to contain a spade in a box of dirt. Many documents were also found in this car and a subpoena duces tecum was served on [redacted] by MR. JONES on February 28th, and these documents were thus obtained by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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The second witness called was subject MATTHEW CVETIC. He advised that he had previously testified regarding the Communist Party in the Western District of Pennsylvania and the Nationality Committee of the Communist Party and had furnished documents supporting his testimony at that time. MR. FRANK S. TAVENNER, JR., Legal Counsel for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, produced certain of the documents obtained by MR. JONES and asked CVETIC to identify them. The first document produced was entitled "Draft Principles" and contained information advising that the Labor Youth League recognized the working class as a force capable of extending world-wide peace.

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CVETIC identified the principles as having been presented by HAROLD ORZICK at the organization meeting of the Labor Youth League in October 1949, at Pittsburgh at the Fort Pitt Hotel, in the summer of 1949. He stated that the Labor Youth League is a front organization set up by the Communist Party as a Communist Party instrument in colleges and high schools for instruction in Marxism and Leninism.

The second document submitted for examination was entitled "Program of Komsomol" by J. V. STALIN, and was issued by the Educational Department of the Labor Youth League, New York City. CVETIC advised that the word Komsomol is the name by which the International Young Communist League is known. He said that similar documents were issued for other areas of the United States, but that this particular document was limited to the district organization of the Labor Youth League in Western Pennsylvania. This document was an address by STALIN to the Young Communist League stressing the importance of the International Communist Youth Movement.

Another document introduced was entitled "Building the Labor Youth League."

When questioned as to how the various Labor Youth League groups were formed, CVETIC advised that youth attending dances, bowling leagues, church gatherings, etc., were invited by members of the Labor Youth League to an open meeting of the Labor Youth League and then given a boiled down version of the Communist Party line in an attempt to indoctrinate them into the Labor Youth League program.

CVETIC was then asked if he were acquainted with LILLIAN LEWIS, one of the occupants in the above-named car. He answered in the affirmative and stated that she was the Organizational Secretary of the Labor Youth League in Western Pennsylvania and was also known to him to be a member of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. LILLIAN LEWIS' name was also mentioned in connection with the sale of stamps to the United Electrical and Radio Machine Workers of America.

From the effects of LILLIAN LEWIS, obtained from the above-mentioned wreck was a copy of the minutes of a meeting held on February 12, 1950, in which mention was made of the name "SONNY." CVETIC identified "SONNY" as HAROLD ORZICK, organizer of the Labor Youth League in Western Pennsylvania and a member of the Communist Party. CVETIC stated that ORZICK has recently come into disfavor in the Communist Party of Pittsburgh and may have been replaced. Other names appearing in these minutes were JERRY and

BERNIE. JERRY was identified as JERRY GRUSHKA, who was elected Chairman of that meeting. CVETIC also testified that HERBERT WALKER, RUTH GOLDSWORTH and EDITH NIXON were known to him as members of the Communist Party by virtue of his having attended Party functionary meetings with them.

Copy of the publication entitled "Challenge" was introduced in evidence and was identified by CVETIC as the official publication of the Labor Youth League. He advised that the March 1950 issue was the first issue of this publication.

There is being forwarded as an enclosure to this letter a copy of "Challenge," and it is desired to point out in this regard that Informant [redacted] of this office had purchased a similar copy of this publication at the Washington Cooperative Bookshop, 523 Sixth Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. b7D b7E

In describing this publication, CVETIC mentioned several publications from New Century Publishers which are recommended in this magazine. There was presented by CVETIC a membership breakdown of the Labor Youth League, prepared by that organization at 799 Broadway, New York City, as follows:

Eastern Pennsylvania	143 members
Western Pennsylvania	43
Alameda County, California	66
Los Angeles, California	467
San Francisco, California	86
Connecticut	84
Illinois	256
Indiana	10
Massachusetts	101
Michigan	159
New Jersey	153
New York	2,014
Ohio	187
Texas	18
Washington, D. C.	58

Grand total as of December 5, 1949 - 3,660.

CVETIC stated that a revised and more recent membership list of the Labor Youth League totaled 5,879 members, including 66 in Eastern Pennsylvania, two in Utah and five in Wisconsin.

CVETIC presented a financial statement of the National Fund Drive of the National Organizing Conference of the Labor Youth League. The Fund Drive was for $50,000.00. According to the statement, $11,735.57 has been sent to the National Office and $34,507.17 has been raised in connection with this Fund Drive.

CVETIC testified that during the recent Brotherhood Week, the Labor Youth League ordered its district group to recognize a negro history week and issued mimeographed letters with suggestions for programs. The letter suggested question and answer programs and typical of the questions asked were the following:

Q. What political party nominated a negro candidate in the 1930's?

A. Communist Party nominated JAMES FORD, Negro, as Vice-President to run on the Communist Party ticket with EARL BROWDER.

Q. What political party makes it a crime to discriminate against racial groups?

A. USSR constitution.

Q. Are there any negroes in the CIO Executive Board?

A. No. Not since FERDINAND SMITH.

CVETIC states that the Labor Youth League is the sounding board for the Communist Party line. He stated that the Labor Youth League files pertaining to the negro question contains a memorandum addressed to all districts entitled "Struggle for the Rights of the Negro People," signed BENJAMIN J. DAVIS and PETTIS PERRY, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the National Negro Congress, Communist Party. He testified that this document was circulated by the Labor Youth League.

There was produced a letter from the National Office, Labor Youth League, addressed to all state organizations directing attention to the back cover of an edition of "Political Affairs," which was described by MR. TAVENNER as a Communist Party publication. MR. TAVENNER pointed out that the back cover of this publication advertised books written by STALIN, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, and other prominent Communists.

CVETIC stated that in September 1949, the World Federation of Democratic Youth met at Budapest, and that the Labor

Youth League of Western Pennsylvania sent a delegate to this meeting. CVETIC stated that the way in which the delegate was selected was interesting in that it indicated the way in which the Communist Party operated in the election of delegates in front organizations. He stated that ballots were prepared for a delegate from the Labor Youth League in Western Pennsylvania, listing the names PEGGY RUSSINKO, ANN PERPICH and JEAN VIDMAR, all of whom CVETIC identified as members of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. He stated that representatives of the Communist Party, in a meeting, decided upon these three names and decided that ANN PERPICH should be the delegate to the World Federation of Democratic Youth, inasmuch as she was best fitted to bring back and disseminate the information desired by the Communist Party. CVETIC also indicated that ANN PERPICH was formerly employed by the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C. He reported that the ballots were actually never counted; that RUSSINKO and VIDMAR were merely dummy names for the ballots and that the balloting was merely a money-raising plan to send PERPICH to the meeting.

Also produced as an exhibit was a checkbook of HAROLD ORZICK, previously identified by CVETIC as a member of the Communist Party. This checkbook showed that checks had been made out to ED NIXON, Labor Youth League; LILLIAN LEWIS; GEORGE BEATS; RUTH WILLIAMS; WILLIAM ALBERTSON, and "SONNY," previously identified as HAROLD ORZICK. CVETIC stated that ALBERTSON was District Secretary of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

Also produced as an exhibit was a brown stenographic notebook found in the files of the Labor Youth League. CVETIC identified the following persons whose names appear therein as members of the Communist Party and as people with whom he had attended Communist Party functionary meetings:

WALDER MUGFORD;
REBECCA (BECKY) HOROWITZ, Hazelwood, Pennsylvania;
HY SCHLESSINGER;
ALEX STEINBERG;
MARTHA HUBSCHER, 1253 Shadycrest Drive;
NICK LAZARIS;
ALLEN THOMAS;
VIOLA SCHMIDT and
HERBERT GLICKMAN.

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A green stenographic notebook found in the Labor Youth League files contained the following names of individuals identified by CVETIC as known to him as members of the Communist Party:

RUTH GOLDBERG
HERB WALKER
EDDIE NIXON
JERRY GRUSHKA and his wife LILA GRUSHKA
JACK BEGLER
RUTH KISH (ph)
JOE FANKIN and wife
HERB GLICKMAN
ALEX STEINBERG

CVETIC also identified the following individuals as members of the Communist Party:

EVELYN ABELSON
IDA M. DENIS
PETER ALBERTSON
ESTHER BLISS
PEARL GRIFFIN
EBEN MATLES
MAXINE MATLES

He stated that HELEN KOMPUS was a member of the hotel and restaurant cell of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

With reference to the Civil Rights Congress, CVETIC testified that the Pittsburgh Branch of this organization was formed five years ago in the office of HY SCHLESSINGER, by request of the District Organizer of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. He stated that at a meeting of specific Communist Party members, the group went over a list of the Communist Party membership of Western Pennsylvania to determine which members should work in the Civil Rights Congress. He stated that the Publicity Committee of the Civil Rights Congress included DOROTHY ALBERT, known by CVETIC to be a member of the Communist Party. He testified that members of the Civil Rights Congress sent a telegram to Senator WILEY of the Senate Judiciary Committee opposing the Mundt-Nixon Bill, signed by EDMUND GWYNN (ph) stating that one thousand Civil Rights Congress members called for the defeat of this bill. He stated further that a petition was later sent to Senator WILEY

containing 50 signatures and calling for the defeat of the Mundt-Nixon Bill. The following individuals were identified as members of the Communist Party and of the Civil Rights Congress:

DR. BEN ARSHAN, Optometrist, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
FRANCIS BEGLER
ALM ROBINSON
BEN CARREATHERS
DOROTHY ALBERT
PAULINE SLOME
ESTHER BLISS
MARK P. LOVETT
ALEX SPADER
PAULINE GRANT
REBECCA HOROWITZ
NATHAN ALBERT
REGINA BAKOWSKY RUDIAK

Also presented as an exhibit was a petition concerning the Subversive Control Act of 1948, stating that "we, the undersigned" rejected any bill which destroys civil rights, adding that HR-5852 was a measure which supported Fascism. The following signers of this petition were identified by CVETIC as Communists:

NATHAN ALBERT
JOE CHUPLIS, Springdale, Pennsylvania
ROSE MAZER, Springdale; active in IWO
PETE PRADELLI, active in IWO
LOUISE BENJOIES, aka BENJOYA

CVETIC stated that the above was just a small part of the campaign. He stated that STEVE NELSON and ROY HUDSON would give the political line for the Civil Rights Congress and indicate what should be included and that the program for the organization was actually dictated by them.

CVETIC identified MIRIAM SCHULTZ as a member of the Communist Party. CVETIC stated that the United Electrical and Radio Machine Workers contributed $100.00 to the Civil Rights Congress, $50.00 coming from District No. 6 and $50.00 from Local 610. He stated that the Communist Party used the offices of the United Electrical and Radio Machine Workers; that UE would pass resolutions in which the party was interested; that the party used the UE mimeograph and that when STEVE NELSON or ROY HUDSON would notify TOM FITZPATRICK that a contribution was needed, such a contribution would be forthcoming.

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CVETIC stated that the Civil Rights Congress in Pittsburgh increased its activity following the indictment of the 12 Communist Party leaders and that a telegram campaign was begun in October 1949, the members of the organization having been told that they must send telegrams to TOM CLARK. He stated that efforts were made to obtain the names of prominent individuals for use in this campaign. CVETIC testified that in early September, 1948, plans were made to reorganize the Civil Rights Congress in Pittsburgh, for the defense of the Communist leaders. STEVE NELSON, TERESA TURNER and CVETIC selected a tentative slate of officers which included the following members of the Communist Party:

MARGARET (PEGGY) RUSSINKO
THOMAS QUINN
HY SCHLESSINGER.

Other officers, who were not identified as Communists, were Reverend Z. E. McFADDEN and Reverend W. Z. CRINSHAW.

CVETIC stated that STEVE NELSON dictated the program and the policy of the Civil Rights Congress in Pittsburgh, and that it was at the direction of STEVE NELSON, that MIRIAM SCHULTZ replaced TERESA TURNER as an officer in that organization. He stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was invited by letter dated September 25, 1949, to speak to the Civil Rights Congress on the defense of the 12 Communist leaders.

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Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 17, 1950

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI [redacted] b7D

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REGISTERED MAIL

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information the following articles which have appeared in local Pittsburgh newspapers with regard to CVETIC's appearance before the HCUA during the period March 13 to March 15, 1950:

THE PITTSBURGH PRESS

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ON 7-20-89

Two articles from issue of March 13, 1950
Two articles from issue of March 14, 1950
Three articles from issue of March 15, 1950

PITTSBURGH SUN-TELEGRAPH

Two articles from issue of March 14, 1950
Two articles from issue of March 15, 1950

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Two articles from issue of March 14, 1950

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Reds Operating At Loss, Figure District Worth It

Cvetic Tells House Committee Soviet Youth Organizers Seeking To Infiltrate Schools, Colleges

By INGRID JEWELL
Post-Gazette Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 13—The Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania is a pain in the neck to the national organization from a financial standpoint.

Western Pennsylvania Communists just never make ends meet. New York has to support them. But the industrial concentration around Pittsburgh makes the expenditure worth while, the New Yorkers figure.

This was the information given by Matthew Cvetic, Pittsburgh insurance man, to the House Un-American Activities Committee here today.

Mr. Cvetic climbed to a place of leadership in the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania

Read an editorial, "No Red Trial Here," on Page 6.

Another auto containing Red literature is seized here. Story and picture on Page 2.

Names listed by Cvetic Page 4.

while working as undercover man for the FBI, and resigned his party membership only recently.

Can't Meet Quotas

"The Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania has never been self-sustaining in any of its many branches," Mr. Cvetic said. He pointed to the great discrepancy between "quota" and "collection" in two recent fund drives.

One was conducted by the Labor Youth League, Communist youth organization. Western Pennsylvania's quota was $800. When Mr. Cvetic checked last, which was after the fund had been several months in collecting, Western Pennsylvania had come up with a cool $62.22.

Eastern Pennsylvania was supposed to raise $4,000, had raised $300. The national goal was $50,000. Of this New York was asked to raise $30,000 and raised every penny.

A total of $34,507 had been raised across the nation when Mr. Cvetic last had access to Communist bookkeeping.

Even Trial Didn't Appeal

The other financial washout occurred during the raising of funds to defend the Communist leaders on trial recently in New York. Pennsylvania's quota was $250,000. It raised $6,500. Pittsburgh's quota was $12,000. It raised $2,369.

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Pittsburgh Fight Costing Reds Money

Despite Losses, Fight to Infiltrate Schools Goes On

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Mr. Cvetic today discussed the Labor Youth League and the Civil Rights Congress. Tomorrow he will continue, with discussion of the Progressive Party and some national aims of the Communist Party today.

Suckers Are Members

The current "peace movement" is "strictly phony," Mr. Cvetic asserted.

Contrasting the Labor Youth League and the Civil Rights Congress, Mr. Cvetic said that the former is actually a Communist organization, a very dangerous and insidious one, through which the party expects to carry its propaganda to young people.

The Civil Rights Congress, on the other hand, is only a "front" organization. Many of its members are persons sincerely concerned with protecting civil rights in the United States with no allegiance to Communism at all.

For this reason the committee refused to make a part of the record the "sucker list" which the Communists in Pittsburgh maintain for the Civil Rights Congress, on which were names of prominent citizens, not Communists, who could be prevailed upon to come up with a donation or a speech when needed.

Clergymen were often victimized in this way, Mr. Cvetic said. Particularly Negro clergymen, to whom the CRC was "sold" cleverly as a thoroughly American organization which would aid the plight of the American Negro.

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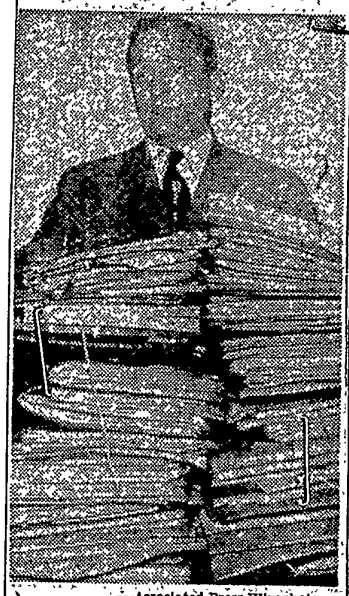
He quoted a heated debate between one such clergyman and William Patterson, national executive secretary of the CRC, about "hating one's enemies." Mr. Patterson said, according to Cvetic, "We must learn to hate our enemies enough to kill them."

"Who are our enemies?" the clergyman asked. "The Wall Street and Washington warmongers," replied Mr. Patterson.



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MATTHEW CVETIC
Papers seized in Pittsburgh.

At that point the clergyman refused to go any farther with CRC.

It has brought out that one congressman, not from Pennsylvania, had allowed his frank to be used to disseminate a speech of George Wuchinich, former executive secretary of the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania, in which the Communist line in Poland was extolled.

The Labor Youth League was described as having been organized about two years ago by the Communist Party to succeed "American Youth for Democracy," which had become ineffectual through exposure. AYD in turn had succeeded the Young Communist League when that organization became a political hot potato.

The Labor Youth League in Pittsburgh was organized last summer. Mr. Cvetic said the latest membership list to which he had access was from last December 5. Then there were about 143 members of the LYL in Eastern Pennsylvania; about 43 in the Pittsburgh area—of the 43, nine are college students in Pitt or Carnegie Tech; two are in high school.

3,660 Members

He said that last December the national membership of the organization was 3,660. However, Frank Tavenner, chief counsel for the committee, said he has reason to believe the membership has increased nationally in the meantime to 5,879.

It would be hard for a young person to belong and not know he was participating in a Communist front, he said, since the club holds classes in which the doctrines of Marx, Lenin and Stalin are taught.

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New List of Red Party Members Bared in Cvetic's Final Testimony

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. . . named by Cvetic . . .

CAROLYN HART
. . . Cvetic knew her . . .

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U. S. Communist Soviet Link Emphasized

A new and long list of Communist Party members in the Pittsburgh district has been presented to a Congressional committee by Matt Cvetic, the Pittsburgh undercover agent for the FBI.

Cvetic told the House Un-American Activities Committee yesterday:

"I would like to identify the following as Communist Party members and state my reasons for stating they are members:

"James Bashista. I have attended Communist Party functionary meetings with him at 943 Liberty Ave.

"Jerome Benton. He also uses the name Jerry Benton. In 1943, 1944 and 1945, Jerry Benton was a Communist Party organizer in McKeesport. He taught me in one of the first party schools I went to.

"George Brkljacic. I used to collect his party dues. He lived in McKees Rocks, but is now in Yugoslavia.

PARTY ORGANIZER

"Charlotte Chandler. She was a Communist Party organizer in the professional branch, 1943 to 1945, and active in the American Soviet Friendship Council.

"Mrs. Judy Cogan, or Kogan. She was secretary of the professional branch of the Communist Party in 1943 and 1944 when I first got into the party.

"Betty Drake. She has been active for the Communist Party in the United Electrical Workers in East Pittsburgh.

"Dorothy Farraday. Formerly a member of the South Side Club of the Communist Party, she has married and left the city in the past year.

"Tony Gerlach Jr., New York City. Active in the youth movement.

"Mary Golden, wife of Hamp Golden. She is active in women's organizations.

"Carolyn Hart. Communist Party member active in the professional branch in 1943 and 1945.

IN MEETINGS—

"Mrs. Walter Hubscher, husband of Martha Hubscher. I have attended Communist Party meeting with him.

"Pete Knezevich, from Farrell, Pa. A member of the district committee of the Communist Party and the key figure for the Communist Party in the Farrell-Sharon area.

"Mac Mandell, husband of Florence Mandell, a former member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and a former secretary of the professional branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh.

"Agnes Mankin. A member of the North Side lub of the Communist Party. She is the wife of Joe Mankin.

"Anne Markovich. She is the wife of Mirko Markovich. She and Mirko are now in Yugoslavia.

"Ellene Matanic, wife of Paul. She is a member of the Communist Party. Two years ago, under her maiden name, she attended a youth festival in Prague.

"John Middleton, a national organizer for the International Workers Order.

SECRETARY—

"Virginia Muir, office secretary to George Pirinsky, New York City. George Pirinsky is the national executive secretary of the American Slav Congress.

"Ludwig Mutz, New York City. Active in nationality work in that area.

"Ricky—that is a nickname—Roth, sister of Esther Roth. She is married and now is in California.

"Jack Shore and Barbara Shore, who were members of the professional branch when I joined the party in 1943 and 1944. Jack, at that time, was studying lat Carnegie Tech.

"Anton Svelc, active in the United Auto Workers Union in Cleveland and also in nationality work.

"Wilbur White, Erie, Pa., a former member of the district committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

"Dr. Joseph Wolfe, optometrist, from East End, Pittsburgh. He attended the recent Mexico peace conference.

"John Wassell and his wife, Mary, from California, Pa.

COLLECTED DUES—

"Charles Young and his wife, Ruth. They were members of the professional branch of the Communist Party I collected dues from both of them. They left in 1945 or 1946 to go to Virginia. At the time they lived in Pittsburgh. Ruth Young worked for the U. S. Employment Service.

"Rachel Cooper. A member of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh.

"Rudy Martonovich, who was one of the editors of the language press, 1916 East St. He is now in Yugoslavia.

"Ida May Adams, with whom I have attended at least two Communist Party functionary meetings.

"Frank Modic, Communist Party member active in the United Auto Workers and nationality work in and around Detroit.

"Dr. Ray Valinsky, a Pittsburgh dentist. He taught me in a Communist Party class in the home of Anne Lipkind in Squirrel Hill.

"Tony Lepovich. I attended at least two Communist Party functionary meetings with him.

"Matthew Lepovich of Bentleyville, Pa., a deputy sheriff in Washington County and the brother of Tony. I attended meetings in Washington County with him at the home of Hald Spencer, also a Communist Party member."

OTHERS NAMED—

The witness, from a document headed "District Committee, Western Pennsylvania, National Council of Americans of Croation descent," which was identified as a Communist Front, listed the following as members of the Communist Party:

Stephen Devunich, Anton Ignic, Frank Kamalich, Joseph Migalich, Arthur Bartl, Ivan (John) Bronich.

Cvetich testified that Mary Matlesko, who also uses the name of Matles, residing at Conemaugh, Pa., was a member of the Communist Party.

He then listed the following officers of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, elected at a conference on June 13, 1948, at the Fort Pitt Hotel, as Communist Party members:

President: Joseph Rudiak.

Vice president, Paul Matanic.

Secretary: George S. Wuchinich.

Cvetic himself was elected treasurer.

Cvetic also listed the following directors of the American Slav Congress as Communists:

Croatian section, Helen Migalich, Frank Borich, Leo Fisher, Anna Devunich, Arthur Bartl and Anthony Minerich, who is in Yugoslavia.

SERBIAN GROUP——

Serbian section, Mary Kluko, Milo Mamula, Charles Vulch and Nicholas Baltich.

Slovene section, John Vidmar.

Cvetic said he himself was a member of the board of directors.

Ukrainian section, Michael Hanusiak.

Polish section, Paul Kluvo, Jean Bakowski (wife of Joseph Rudiak, president of American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania) and Walter Kurowski.

Russian section, Steve Merges who has since moved to Cleveland, O.

Carpatho-Russian section, John Matlesko of Conemaugh, Pa., who also uses name of Matles.

SLOVAK AIDS——

Slovak section, Calvin Brook, Martha Hubscher (whose maiden name is Novak) and John Zuskar.

On the regional committee for the McKeesport, Rankin, Clairton, Braddock area, Mike Godich.

In the Fayette County, Brownsville and Uniontown area, Steve Straka.

Of the four elected from the Canonsburg, McDonald, Bentleyville, Cokeburg area, Steve Paich of Canonsburg.

The witness continued his listing of Communists by districts:

Library, Coverdale area, Anton Cipcic.

Farrell area, Rose Knezvich.

Allegheny Valley area, Frank Malkovich.

CONGRESS GUARDS LIFE OF CVETIC

Exposer Of Reds Unafraid

(New list named as Reds, other stories on Page 2.)

By DAVID SENTNER
Sun-Telegraph Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Congressmen today took precautions to guard the life of Matt Cvetic of Pittsburgh, an FBI undercover agent who spied on the Communists.

Members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities placed Cvetic under a permanent subpena at the conclusion of his testimony which has undermined the Communist Party throughout the United States.

A permanent subpena, in effect, means that any threat to Cvetic, or any bodily attack on him, would be considered an offense against the Federal Government.

Cvetic, who completed his documented testimony yesterday, scoffed at the idea that his life is in danger.

TO SPEAK HERE—

He accepted an invitation to address the anti-Communist CIO International United Electrical Workers in East Pittsburgh when he returns to Pittsburgh in the near future.

In his latest testimony, Cvetic reported that Pittsburgh District Communists already are laying plans for a war between Russia and the United States.

Cvetic, who posed for seven years as a card-carrying member of the Communist Party, said that late in 1946, Communist Chairman William Z. Foster addressed a Communist meeting in Pittsburgh, and told his audience:

"If the war-makers of this country think that they can ever defeat the Soviet Union, they have another think coming."

PREPARATIONS—

Cvetic testified that Steve Nelson, the Pittsburgh District Communist boss, has discussed with his lieutenants the procedure for selecting new leaders in event the present officers are "deposed" by an emergency.

Cvetic testified that Nelson mentioned the possibility of present Communist leaders being interned in "concentration camps."

Cvetic told the committee:

"Since Nelson constantly referred to the United States as 'the enemy,' I could only assume that the emergency he referred to meant war between Russia and the U. S."

In his final hours on the witness stand, Cvetic identified Joseph Filner of Pittsburgh as a Communist and "one of the large contributors to the Communist Party" in that area.

Earlier, Cvetic testified that Communist political troubleshooters rushed into West Vir-

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ginia in 1948 to direct campaign strategy for Progressive presidential candidate Henry A. Wallace.

PARTY WORKERS—

Cvetic also identified five present or former Progressive Party officials as active Communist Party members.

The witness testified that top Communists beat down protests in the Civil Rights Congress when "around $23,000" was diverted to defend 11 Red leaders convicted in New York.

Cvetic said that the row occurred during a meeting of Civil Rights Congress officials at Chicago "in the spring or early summer of 1949."

He declared that the session was presided over by William Patterson, national executive secretary of the congress, whom he branded a Communist, and Harold R. Christoffel, recently convicted on charges he lied to Congress about his Communist Party membership.

LEADER SENTENCED

As Cvetic testified, Christoffel, an ousted CIO United Auto Workers' Union official, was sentenced to two to six years by Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts in Washington.

Cvetic said that three key Communists speeded to the West Virginia Panhandle after a Pittsburgh Red meeting expressed concern "that the campaign (for Wallace supporters) was lagging —not enough people were backing the election petition."

He identified the trio as Milo D. Manula, Herbert Walker and George Wuchinich, whom he named earlier as Progressive Party vice chairman.

The use of Paul Robeson, the pro-Communist Negro singer, to raise funds for the Council on African Affairs, designated as a red subversive front by the Attorney General, was revealed in documentary evidence.

Cvetic Lists 75 More In District as Reds

The names of 75 more Western Pennsylvanians were listed in the files of Congress today as Communists or Communist sympathizers.

The identification was made by Matt Cvetic, 41, of Pittsburgh, who posed as a Communist for nine years to spy on the party for the FBI.

Cvetic told the House Un-American Activities Committee that William Patterson, national executive vice president of the Civil Rights Congress, is a Communist, along with Alex Wright in Pittsburgh, the Western Pennsylvania boss of the Progressive party.

Cvetic said all the planning, all the programming" of the Civil Rights Congress in Western Pennsylvania was done by the Communist Party.

The witness testified that Communists arranged for a Civil Rights Congress mass meeting in Pittsburgh in 1948 to raise funds for the top leaders of the Communist Party in this country.

Cvetic said the list of sponsors was drawn on instructions from Steve Nelson, Communist organizer for Western Pennsylvania.

Among the sponsors, Cvetic said, were Party Members Steve Mirkovich, district secretary of the Croatian Benevolent Societies; Nicholas Baltich, district secretary of the Serbian-American Federation; Michael Hanusiak, district secretary of the Ukrainian-American Fraternal Union; George Wuchinich, president of the American-Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania; Anna Devunich, secretary of the Federation of Croatian Women; Frank Tady, Paul Kluvo, Joe Rudiak, Alex Wright, Nick Lazari and Stanley Loney.

WOMAN NAMED

Cvetic identified Dorothy Albert, selected to serve on the Publicity Committee of the Civil Rights Congress, as a member of the Communist Party.

The following signers of a petition in 1948 to protest the Mundt-Nixon anti-subversive bill, were named by Cvetic as Communist Party members:

Dr. Ben Arshan, an optometrist, who was heckled by resentful neighbors until he abandoned his Mt. Lebanon home a few months ago.

Frances Dewey Begler, wife of Jack Begler, Communist organizer here.

Alma Robinson, wife of Joseph ("Sonny") Robinson, former labor union leader at the Crucible Steel Co. here.

Ben Careathers, Communist Party organizer in Western Pennsylvania.

Miss Pauline Slome.

Esther Bliss, Communist Party youth organizer.

Mark P. Lovett of the North Side.

Alex Staber, former Communist Party steelworkers' organizer, recently transferred to United Electrical Workers.

Pauline Grant (maiden name Anoml), wife of Dave Grant, former city secretary of Communist Party in Pittsburgh and now organizer in UE.

Rebecca Horowitz of Hazelwood.

Nathan Albert, Communist Party organizer in UE and Dorothy's brother.

Regina Bakowski, wife of Joseph Rudiak, chairman of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.

Joe Chuplis of Springdale, "who is an old Communist Party member with whom I have attended many Communist Party meetings."

Rose Mazur, Springdale, active in the International Workers Order.

Pate Pradelli, Springdale.

Louise Benjoles, Communist Party member sent to Pittsburgh from New York to work in the Progressive Party during the Wallace campaign.

Frank Malkovich of New Kensington.

Anthony Gabrish, party organizer in New Kensington.

Mark Massola of Arnold.

Joseph Demosky.

Leon Gabrish.

RADIO WRITER

Charles Kern, Pittsburgh radio script writer.

Lawrence Schultz of Alabama Ave., a wholesale clothier, who contributed $100 a month to the Communist Party.

Miriam Schultz, wife of Lawrence, first executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress in Pittsburgh.

Theresa Turner, named by Pittsburgh Communist Boss Steve Nelson to succeed Mrs. Schultz as executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress here.

Allen Thomas, Communist Party organizer among the employes of the Crucible Steel Co. in Pittsburgh.

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Walter Mugford, business agent for Local 23, United Electrical Workers Union, in Pittsburgh.

Ann Perpich, Pittsburgh delegate to the Budapest Youth Conference and former employe in the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington before the Stalin-Tito "break."

Peggy Russinko, Communist Party organizer in Western Pennsylvania and another delegates to the Budapest Youth Coonference.

Peter Albertson, son of the Communist Party's Pittsburgh district secretary, William Albertson.

Pearl Griffin, office secretary for the Progressive Party in Pittsburgh.

Jerry Grushka, Pittsburgh organizer for the Labor Youth League.

Lila Grushka, Jerry wife.

Helen Kompus of N. Negley Ave., an employe of the William Penn Hotel, and a member of the Communist Party cell in the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employes Alliance.

Charlie Fisher, one-time chairman of the Progressive Party unit in Pennsylvania.

Bernard Salhs, recording secretary of the Labor Youth League.

Solomon Garfield.

CONTRIBUTORS—

Anne Lipkind.

Charlie Newell, international representative here for the United Electrical Workers Union.

Sonya Sartisky, wife of Jack.

Calvin Brook of Shadycrest Dr., Pittsburgh Communist writer.

Tony Minerich.

John Strizich.

Anna Natchie Fink.

Paul Matanic, Beaver County organizer.

Jack Strobel, regional director here for the United Public Workers Union.

Mary Sumrak.

A. Bartz.

J. Zuskar.

Jean Vidmar, office secretary, American Slav Printing Co.

Joseph Vrban of Keystone St.

Martin Harrison.

Also the following contributors to Civil Rights Congress defense fund for the Communist Party leaders on trial:

Iva Pandrokovich Straka.

Paul H. Morrison.

Carl Fink of Houston.

Cvetic Bares Red Drive Aimed at Students Here

Wallace Backer Called Member Of Communists

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WASHINGTON, March 14.—Matt Cvetic today testified that Zalmon H. Garfield, state director of the Progressive Party, is a member of the Communist Party.

By DAVID SENTNER
Sun-Telegraph Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The stealthy Communist Party recruiting drives in Pittsburgh were scheduled for another airing today before a Congressional Committee.

Again, the chief witness was Matt Cvetic, 41, of Pittsburgh, who posed as a Communist for nine years so he could report their activities to the FBI.

George Dietz of Mt. Lebanon, another FBI undercover agent in the Pittsburgh Communist ranks, is scheduled to testify when Cvetic completes his testimony.

Cvetic's testimony yesterday before the House Un-American Activities Committee dealt with the Civil Rights Congress and a phony youth group, the Labor Youth League.

Reds Organized Student Groups

He testified that the Communists direct the Civil Rights Congress in the Pittsburgh area and that they organized the youth group to recruit Pittsburgh students.

His testimony today dealt with the manner in which the Communist Party influenced the Progressive Party campaign for Henry Wallace in the Pittsburgh area.

Late in 1947, Cvetic testified, he and another "known Communist," George Wuchinich, conferred in a Pittsburgh hotel with Wallace, then campaigning for President of the United States, and Wallace's campaign manager, C. B. (Beany) Baldwin.

Wallace and Baldwin wanted to know how many votes they could get from the American Slav Congress, according to Cvetic, who explained that the Slav group was Communist-controlled.

Youth League Size Revealed

Major disclosure made by Cvetic yesterday was that the Labor Youth League—which he identified as the latest Communist-front youth group—has enlisted nearly 6000 members in 13 states and the District of Columbia.

Membership figures of the league obtained from Communist records revealed that it has nearly doubled in size between Dec. 5, 1949 and mid-February of this year.

The December figures showed an enrollment of young workers and students of 3660 and the February list showed

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a membership of 5879.

Committee Counsel Frank Tavenner emphasized that a recent membership drive has resulted in "substantial gains" and that scores of college and high school students are signing up.

FUNDS BARED—

Cvetic also made public records showing that a league campaign for funds netted contributions totaling $34,507, of which $11,735 went to national headquarters in New York City.

The records showed LYL members in Pennsylvania, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

Cvetic said that he frequently helped work on "sucker prospects" for "sponsors" of various party drives or campaigns.

The "reverends and the doctors" are the best prospects for phony peace drives, he added.

'SUCKER LIST'—

The "sucker list," Cvetic said, was passed around for use by the Progressive Party, the American Slav Congress, and the Civil Rights Congress.

Cong. Walter (Dem.) of Pennsylvania wanted to know why the names of so many clergymen were among sponsors and contributors in connection with Communist-front activities.

Cvetic laughed:

"The Communists have a program for everybody."

For instance, he explained, in

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the defense campaign for the 12 Communist Party leaders tried in New York, "contact" men never discussed that with earnest, well-intentioned prospects. He testified:

"We'd tell them the Civil Rights Congress was in a fight to defend Negro rights. They'd be convinced. Or, if they were foreign-born, we talked about protecting the rights of the foreign-born."

Walter observed:

"Then when their interest was aroused they would be enlisted in the Communist Party?"

Cvetic replied:

"That's right."

Cvetic continued:

"All Civil Rights Congress activities in Western Pennsylvania were organized by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in meetings held in the offices of the American Slav Congress, Communist Party headquarters in the Bakewell Bldg., or in one of the restaurants.

"One favorite place was Tambellini's on Fourth Ave. We would discuss campaigns and take the program to the Civil Rights Congress meetings.

"Since Roy Hudson left, Steve Nelson and William Albertson have been organizing Civil Rights Congress activities in Western Pennsylvania."

Cvetic testified that the Civil Rights Congress frequently received funds from the treasury of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers Union. This union recently was expelled from the CIO on charges that it is Communist-dominated.

USED FACILITIES—

The witness also described how the Communist Party was invited to use the facilities of this union's District 6 in Pittsburgh and Westinghouse Local 610.

Cvetic testified:

"We use the district office which was located in the Wabash Bldg. while I was active both in the American Slav Congress and the Civil Rights Congress and in the Communist Party for three or four reasons.

"First of all, through Tom Fitzpatrick and Tom Quinn and Jack Sartisky (union officials) we were able to get the UE to pass resolutions on any issues in which we were interested.

"And if we had large mimeograph jobs to do for the Communist Party, or for the Civil Rights Congress, or, maybe, for a campaign in the steel mills, we would go to the Wabash Bldg. and turn them out on a mimeograph machine down there."

Tavenner asked:

"Does that mean a mimeograph machine owned by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers?

Cvetic replied:

"Yes, by the district office. I went down there and helped run some off."

Cvetic also described how Steve Nelson and Roy Hudson, Pittsburgh Communist leaders, got money from the UE.

He said that Nelson or Hudson would tell Miriam Schultz, secretary of the Civil Rights Congress in Pittsburgh:

"Call Tom Fitzpatrick and see if you can get $50 or $100."

Cvetic added:

"Usually it came through. We got contributions for the American Slav Congress in the same way, just by contacting Tom Fitzpatrick."

Tavenner asked:

"Would any official of UE be contacted before making arrangements to print your material on their machines?"

Cvetic replied:

"Usually I would call Tom Quinn or Jack Sartisky and say I was coming down to run off a job. There was never any objection. Many times they would help."

Cong. Walter interjected:

"And these contributions came from dues collected from all members of the union?"

Cvetic said:

"I presume so. They came from the funds of the district UE."

The Civil Rights Congress of Pittsburgh was formed about five years ago in the office of Hy Schlessinger, Pittsburgh attorney, Cvetic testified.

He continued:

"This Civil Rights Congress was organized at the request of the district organizer of the Communist Party.

"He called a meeting to which he invited Tom Quinn, Communist Party member in UE; he invited myself as one of the leaders in the Slav groups; Pete Karpa, Communist Party organizer who invited me to this meeting, he attended the meeting; and Hyman Schlessinger attended the meeting. Pete Karpa made some of the reports and Hy Schlessinger made some, stressing the importance of setting up a Civil Rights Congress in Pittsburgh."

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By TONY SMITH
Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Tremors from the Cvetic testimony—which laid bare the operations of the Communist apparatus in Pittsburgh—shook the nation's capital today and touched off several new investigations into subversive Soviet activities in the United States.

The significance of Matt Cvetics' revelations to the national security began to sink in after the former FBI undercover agent had identified 287 Western Pennsylvanians as active members of the Communist Party.

Deputy Named

Shock registered visibly on members of Congress late yesterday as the 41-year-old witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee:

1—Named Matthew Lepovich, chief deputy sheriff of Washington County as a Communist with whom he had attended meetings of CP functionaries.

2—Identified Dr. Ray Vallinsky, a Pittsburgh dentist, as one of his first instructors in CP classes. Mr. Cvetic said the of Miss Anne Lipkind in Squirel Hill four or five years ago.

3—Told of Communist M-Day plans for carrying on the party's work in the event of war between Soviet Russia and the United States.

4—Explained how the Communists controlled the Congress of American Women through the office of the American Slav Congress in Pittsburgh. He said Mrs. Lawrence Schultz, of 1527 Alabama Ave., Dormont, and Mrs. Georgia Reed were the CP members assigned to steer the CAW.

5—Showed the committee lists of prominent citizens in Western Pennsylvania upon whom the Communists could count to be "friendly" to their objectives.

These were not placed in the record or made public. The witness said they were more important to the Commies than the "sucker" lists of persons who might be duped into aiding their hidden objectives.

Mr. Cvetic concluded his public testimony at yesterday's session. As sensational as it was, some of the most important information Mr. Cvetic gave the committee was not presented publicly.

This contained leads which will

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Congress to Widen Probe of Reds

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be investigated in connection with Communist espionage cases already pending.

As a result of the Cvetic testimony, committee members conferred with Administration leaders in the House concerning the alleged use of congressional mail franks for the distribution of pro-Commie literature.

They also ordered a thorough search of all the Cvetic documents for the names of Communists who may be working for the Federal Government.

Mr. Cvetic told the committee he had heard that Dr. Victor Sharenkoff, whom he named as a Communist, had worked or was working in the State Department. Sharenkoff is Bulgarian nationality vice president of the Slav Congress.

Adds Final Names

Mr. Cvetic, himself, was employed in the U. S. Employment Service when he was approached to join the CP in 1941. He later accepted membership at the direction of the FBI.

The witness added the final 80 names on his list of Communists from the records of the American Slav Congress. They included all kinds of ASC fund-raising functions—from a television raffle to rallies and dance festival.

Committee members were admittedly astounded at the complete "rule by minority" that the CP had established in the front organizations.

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Same Names

Time and again, Mr. Cvetic read the names of the same Commie functionaries. In one organization, they would show up as officers; in another as sponsors, in some as honorary vice chairmen, etc.

The witness did a good job of showing up some of the more spectacular backers of Commie front organizations for their monetary interest.

He produced check stubs to show that Paul Robeson, the Negro singer, was paid $764.05 for one-night appearance for the American Slav Congress in Pittsburgh in December of 1948.

He said the original contract called for $1000 and was negotiated through **Max Yergan**, then chairman of the Council on African Affairs. It was renegotiated when the affair proved a financial disappointment to the Communists, Mr. Cvetic said. He added that Mr. Robeson and Mr. Yergan were "very irked" over this.

Another check stub written on the account of the Slav Congress showed that Louis Adamic, author and Yugoslav immigrant, collected $850 for appearing on the same program.

Other stubs revealed that **George S. Wuchinich** was paid a salary of $250 a month for serving as executive secretary of the ASC. Wuchinich was one of the persons identified by Mr. Cvetic as a leader in CP activities around Pittsburgh before he moved to New York.

On the contributing end, Mr. Cvetic identified **Joseph Filner** of 3827 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, as one of the largest financial contributors to the Commie causes in Western Pennsylvania. Earlier, he placed **Lawrence Goldblatt**, Dormont, in the same category. He identified both men as Communists.

Mr. Cvetic also identified as Commies two Slavic clergymen, the Revs. **Nicholas Drenovac** and **Vioslav Gachinovich**.

He also listed a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra as secretary of the Communist Party's professional branch here.

Mr. Cvetic said the man is "**Mac Mandell.**" He said Mandell was a violinist for the Pittsburgh Symphony when Mr. Cvetic was recognized by the Commies as a loyal comrade.

[The Pittsburgh Symphony Society office said a Max Mandel still is a violinist with the Orchestra. It added that it has not had a violinist named Mac Mandell.

[The office also said Max Mandel's wife is named Florence. Mr. Cvetic listed Florence Mandell, wife of "Mac Mandell," as a Communist Party member, too.]

In the professional group Mr. Cvetic put the Commie label on **Joseph Wolfe**, whom he identified as an optometrist in the East End of Pittsburgh. The witness said Wolfe recently attended the Communist-promoted World Peace Conference in Mexico City.

When Mr. Cvetic completed his lengthy presentation, Rep. Burr P. Harrison, Virginia Democrat, the acting chairman, told the witness the committee was "deeply grateful" for the testimony.

"It is important in uncovering the subversive activities which have become so extensive in our country," Mr. Harrison told Mr. Cvetic.

"A great many of this nation's leaders and editorial writers are inclined to minimize the dangers of this type of activity by the Communists.

"I wish every American could have had the benefit of hearing your testimony. I believe if they did, there would not be such determined opposition to the efforts of this government to protect itself from its enemies within.

"Your conduct through the years and before this committee have earned you the gratitude of the American people.

"I wish you luck."

Congressman Admits Giving Commie Mail Free Ride on U. S.

Rep. Sadowski Sent Franked Material To Wuchinich, Branded Red by Cvetic

From Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 15—Congressman George G. Sadowski, Detroit Democrat, admits he let George Wuchinich use his free mailing privilege to send out propaganda branded as pro-Communist.

The admission came late yesterday through Rep. Sadowski's office secretary, Elizabeth Mitchell. She said the Congressman who is ill, often uses the franking privilege to distribute information.

Use of Rep. Sadowski's free mailing right by Wuchinich was disclosed last week when George Dietze, former FBI undercover man from Mt. Lebanon, gave House spy-hunters some of the letters which he had taken out of a Communist headquarters on the second floor of 943 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh.

Unaware He Was Red

Mr. Sadowski said he supplied Wuchinich with thousands of "franked" envelopes but declared he didn't know Wuchinich was a Communist.

The Red label was pinned on Wuchinich last month by Mat Cvetic, who also worked for the FBI.

Mr. Cvetic said Rep. Sadowski supplied Wuchinich with 5000 franked envelopes containing an excerpt from the Congressional Record of last Aug. 1.

Urged 'Free Trade'

Through his office, Mr. Sadowski said he received a copy of a letter Wuchinich had mailed to The New York Times. In it, Wuchinich urged "free trade" between the U. S. and Communist China and other pro-Russian countries.

Mr. Sadowski said Wuchinich mailed him a mimeographed copy of this letter and asked that it be inserted into the Congressional Record. Mr. Sadowski did this—at taxpayers' expense.

After the letter was put into the Record, he explained, Wuchinich asked for 2000 copies. Mr. Sadowski said he had the copies printed at his own expense and sent them on to Wuchinich with the postage-free envelopes—for which the taxpayers foot the bill.

Got 'Weekly Releases'

"What happened from there on out I do not know," the Congressman declared.

Rep. Sadowski said Wuchinich informed him he wanted to send the copies to "175 newspapers and journals on my list and 500 leading industries in a radius of 150 miles of Pittsburgh.

What Mr. Sadowski didn't mention was the fact that he has written frequently for "The Slavic American," official magazine of the American Slav Congress.

Even after the organization was branded by the U. S. Attorney General as a "disloyal" Communist front, an article under his byline appeared in this magazine.

It was entitled, "A Warning to America—Greedy Bankers and Cartelists Leading U. S. to Bankruptcy."

Reprint of Speech

The article, consisting of a reprint of a speech the Congressman gave before his colleagues, charged that these "greedy bankers and international cartelists" were "raiding" the U. S. Treasury through the Marshall Plan "under the cry of Communism."

Wuchinich was a member of the editorial board of the magazine for that issue, which came out last Winter.

In previous articles in The Slavic American, Rep. Sadowski defended the post-war carving up of Poland, assailed the Marshall Plan as "a war measure," charged the U. S. is seeking to rebuild German military might.

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UE man named as Red.

RUTH GOLDWORTH
She was booed.

Active in Pittsburgh District

More Names Revealed by Cvetic in Red Probe

House Committee Given List

Here is a list of names mentioned by former FBI Undercover Man Matt Cvetic in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which yesterday resumed its inquiry into Communist activities in the Pittsburgh area.

The list is restricted to names not previously mentioned by Mr. Cvetic. It includes all names published in late editions of The Press yesterday, plus additions.

Commie Activity Here in Spotlight

BENJAMIN ARSHAN
Listed as Commie.

EBEN MATLES
"Works around Pitt."

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Dorothy Alberts, sister of Nathan Alberts, secretary of the Squirrel Hill Communist Club and active in UE circles. Mr. Cvetic said Miss Alberts is a party member, too, and has been publicity director of the Civil Rights Congress.

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Benjamin Arshan, formerly of 382 Anawanda Dr., Sunset Hills, Mt. Lebanon. An optometrist, he gave up his home here after raising a storm by holding a party of whites and Negroes in his home. Identified by Mr. Cvetic as a Communist and leader in the Civil Rights Congress.

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Frances Begler, wife of Jack Begler, of Denniston Ave., Squirrel Hill. Mr. Cvetic said both are Communists. He previously listed Begler as head of the Labor Press Committee of Pittsburgh.

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Esther Bliss, identified as a Communist youth leader. She was an official of the Young Progressives of Western Pennsylvania, which stirred racial disturbances at Highland Park Swimming Pool and is assistant secretary of the Allegheny County Committee Against Discrimination.

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Joe Chuplis, of Springdale. Listed as a Communist Party member. An "old-timer."

John Cinzrich, named as Communist Party member from Washington County.

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Anne Natchie Fink, listed as a Communist leader in Washington County. Was a delegate to the Wallace convention.

Carl Fink, her husband, also identified as a Communist Party member.

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Leon Gabrisch, listed as a Communist Party member from New Kensington.

Tony Gabrisch, also identified as a New Kensington Communist.

Pauline Annoni Grant, wife of Dave Grant, secretary of the Communist Party for East Pittsburgh. Former leader in American Youth for Democracy and ex-employe of the National Maritime Union here. Named as a Communist.

Herb Glickman, listed as a former Commie organizer in Washington County, now living in Pittsburgh. Identified as a Communist youth organizer here.

Jerry Grushka, identified as a Communist youth leader from the South Side.

Lila Grushka, wife of Jerry, also listed as a Communist Party member active in youth work.

Ruth Goldworth, listed as a Communist youth leader here. Former chairman of Pittsburgh Students for Wallace Committee and member of Pittsburgh chapter, Young Progressive Citizens of America. She was almost booed off the stage by hecklers at a pro-Wallace rally in Carnegie Lecture Hall, Oakland, March 1, 1948.

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Martha Novak Hubscher, of Shadyarest Dr., listed as a Communist Party member connected with the Red-line papers at 1916 East St. Daughter of Joseph Novak, official of the Slovak Workers Society, a subsidiary of the International Workers Order.

Rebecca (Becky) Horowitz, of Hazelwood, listed as a Commie leader in youth circles here.

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Charles Milton Kerns Jr., free-lance radio writer; former radio script writer for Station WJAS. Former Progressive Party candidate for Mayor. Delegate to Wallace convention; sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee; chairman, Pittsburgh Chapter, Progressive Citizens of America. Identified as a member of the Communist Party.

Mary Kluko, of Oak St., East Pittsburgh. Named as a member of the Communist Party active in Serbian circles.

Ruth Kish, wife of Elmer Kish, a top Communist organizer in the area. She recently was ousted from the presidency of the Glen-Hazel Mothers' Guild. Mr. Cvetic said she's a Communist youth leader.

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Stanley Loney, president of District 6, United Electrical Workers. Listed as a member of the Communist Party.

Lillian B. Lewis, formerly of McNaugher St., North Side, identified as secretary of the Labor Youth League and member of the Communist Party. She was hurt Feb. 25 in the accident which produced much of the evidence concerning Red youth activities.

Ida M. Lewis, sister of Lillian, identified as a Communist Party member, too. She has been active in the American Slav Congress.

William D. Lewis, listed as a Communist leader in the Labor Youth League. No further identity given.

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Paul Matanic, of Ambridge; University of Pittsburgh law student. Delegate to Wallace convention. Vice president, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania. Identified as Communist Party member.

Frank Malkovich, named as a Communist Party member from New Kensington.

Marc Massoula, listed as another New Kensington Communist leader.

Rev. C. E. McFadden, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Homewood. Mr. Cvetic said he was elected first vice chairman of the Pittsburgh Civil Rights Congress on a Communist, sponsored slate. He said, however, that he has no evidence Rev. McFadden is a Communist himself. Rev. McFadden also was a sponsor of the Pittsburgh Committee of Welcome for the "Red Dean" of Canterbury and a leader in the Allegheny County Committee Against Discrimination.

Agnes Mankin, wife of Joe Mankin, previously listed as the man who has charge of the Commie "cell" among hotel and restaurant workers here. Mr. Cvetic said Mrs. Mankin is a party member and a leader in youth work.

Walter Mugford, listed as a Communist organizer in the United Electrical Workers. Formerly business agent of the UE's catch-all Local 623 in Pittsburgh; now in New Jersey.

Eben Matles, leader in the

Pittsburgh Students for Wallace Committee. Named by Mr. Cvetic as a Communist organizer who "worked sometimes around the University of Pittsburgh."

Maxine Matles, wife of Eben. Mr. Cvetic said she, too, is a Communist Party member and now works as secretary in the party office in the Bakewell Bldg. Formerly office secretary for Local 623, United Electrical Workers.

Rose Mazur of Springdale. Identified as a Communist Party member.

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William Patterson, named as a Communist Party member working out of New York as national executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress.

Peter Pardelli, of Springdale. Listed as a leader in the Civil Rights Congress and the International Workers Orders, both designated as Commie fronts by the Attorney General.

Ann Perpich, identified as a Communist youth leader. She worked for the Yugoslav Embassy until the Tito split, then was employed by the Progressive Party here. Mr. Cvetic said she's now with the Communist-line "language press" at 1916 East St., North Side. She was also a delegate, he said, to the pro-Russian youth "peace conference" in Hungary last year.

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Peggy Russinko, of Ambridge, who, Mr. Cvetic said, was considered by the party for the trip to Hungary. She was a delegate to the Wallace convention. Mr. Cvetic said she's a Communist Party member.

Alma Robinson, wife of Joseph (Sonny) Robinson, previously listed as a former Communist leader in the Crucible Steel cell. Mr. Cvetic said both Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are Communists.

Regina Bakowski Rudiak, wife of Joseph Rudiak, chairman of the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rudiak has been active in the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union here. Mr. Cvetic said she and her husband are both Communist Party members.

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Sonya (Sunny) Sartisky, wife of Jack Sartisky, previously identified as a Communist organizer in UE circles. Mr. Cvetic said both Mr. and Mrs. Sartisky are party members.

Viola Schmidt, named as a Communist youth leader in the Hill District.

Bernie Silas, of McKeesport, identified as a Communist Party member. Recently arrested for passing out alleged Commie literature at the National Tube Co.

Lawrence Schultz, of Alabama Ave., Dormont, named by Mr. Cvetic as one of the financial "angels" of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. He is the husband of Miriam Schultz, a leader in the Civil Rights Congress, who previously was listed as a Communist. Mr. Cvetic said Schultz is a wholesale clothes salesman.

Eva Jandrokovich Straka, wife of Steve Straka, formerly listed as a Communist organizer in Washington County. Mr. Cvetic said both are party members.

Pauline Slome, identified as a sister of Dorothy Slome, whom Mr. Cvetic named before as a Communist. He said Pauline is a party member, too.

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Allen Thomas, named as a Communist leader in the Crucible Steel Co. "cell" in Lawrenceville.

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Jean Vidmar, office secretary at the American Slav Printing Co., 1916 East St., North Side, which publishes three newspapers branded by Mr. Cvetic as Communist controlled. He said she is the sister of John Vidmar, previously named as the Commie "set-up man" for the Slav papers. Mr. Cvetic said she, too, was considered as a possible delegate to the "peace conference" in Hungary last year.

Joseph Vrban, of Keyston St., Pittsburgh. Identified as a Communist Party member connected with the "language press" on the North Side.

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Wilbur White, of Erie. Named as a Communist organizer at the General Electric Corp. plant there. Has been a member of the Communist Party's district committee.

Herbert Walker, identified as a Communist leader in the Labor Youth League and the Young Progressives here.

Union Accused Of Aiding Red Propaganda

Party Had Access To Workers' Money

From Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 14—Union dues collected from members of the old United Electrical Workers were used to finance Communist projects in the Pittsburgh area, ex-FBI Undercover Man Matt Cvetic told House spy hunters.

Mr. Cvetic, who resumed the witness stand today, said the money came "from the funds of the district UE"—the District 6 office of the UE now headed by Stanley Loney, whom he listed under oath as a Communist Party member.

The UE was kicked out of the CIO last fall for Commie activity. A new International Union of Electrical Workers has been formed to battle the UE.

Even Used Office

Mr. Cvetic said the Communists and their front outfits in Pittsburgh even used the offices and equipment of the District UE in the Wabash Bldg.

In fact, Mr. Cvetic testified, the UE invited the Commies to use the place.

The former FBI aide said money from the UE treasury usually was obtained through Tom Fitzpatrick, whom he previously listed as a top Commie labor organizer in the area.

He said Steve Nelson, district chairman of the Communist Party, or his predecessor, Roy Hudson, often would direct Mrs. Miriam Schultz, secretary of the Pittsburgh Civil Rights Congress, to "call Tom Fitzpatrick and see if you can get $50 or $100."

Usually Got Results

"Usually," Mr. Cvetic related, "it came through. We got contributions for the American Slav Congress in the same way—just by contacting Tom Fitzpatrick."

"And these contributions came from dues collected from all members of the union?" asked Representative Frances E. Walter, Easton Democrat.

"I presume so," Mr. Cvetic replied. "They came from the funds of the District UE."

Used Equipment

Mr. Cvetic said he himself frequently used UE mimeograph machines to turn out propaganda for the Communists, the Civil

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UE Funds Went to Reds, Cvetic Says

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Rights Congress, the Slav Congress and other Red fronts.

"Usually," he testified, "I would call Tom Quinn or Jack Sartisky and say I was coming down to run off a job (on the mimeograph). There was never any objection. Many times they would help."

Quinn and Sartisky also have been listed by Mr. Cvetic as Communists. So has Mrs. Schultz.

Mr. Cvetic told the House Committee on Un-American Activities that the Communist Party was able "to get the UE to pass resolutions on any issues in which we were interested."

This, he said, would be done through Fitzpatrick, Quinn and Sartisky.

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Public Men Among Dupes Of Commies

Congressmen, Judge, Lawyer Included

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By TONY SMITH
Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 14—A batch of "sucker lists" naming several thousand Western Pennsylvanians who were used by the Communists held the attention of Congressional investigators today.

The lists were given to the House Un-American Activities Committee by Matt Cvetic, who helped to compile them during a seven-year masquerade in the Communist Party for the FBI.

Included were the names of many persons prominent in public life.

A large number of congressmen, clergymen, union leaders and educators were listed. Also, a number of professional leaders, scientists and businessmen. At least one judge and a large number of attorneys were named.

Mr. Cvetic, who is completing his public testimony on the workings of the CP in Western Pennsylvania, sprang his first sucker list here yesterday. Committee members juggled it like a hot potato, decided not to make it part of the official record at the moment.

'Innocent Dupes'

Acting Committee Chairman Francis E. Walter, Easton, Pa., Democrat, ruled against making the names public since many of them were "innocent dupes."

The list contained about 200 names. Mr. Cvetic said it was prepared for the guidance of CP members in promoting a rally of the Civil Rights Congress May 4, 1948. The list was labeled "important for contacts." Congressman Walter tagged it as a "typical sucker list."

The document named a number of persons whom Mr. Cvetic called out and identified as full-fledged Commies. The others, he said, were used as the Communist leaders saw fit.

Money, Speeches Given

Some made financial contributions to Communist front organizations with high-sounding names and subversive objectives. Others were utilized for speech-making at rallies and meetings engineered from back-stage by Steve Nelson and other Pittsburgh-area Commie leaders.

Not all of the "suckers" were innocent dupes, according to Mr. Cvetic. Some of them knew the true nature of the work and lent their assistance willingly—usually for political gain.

The party also has some financial "angels" in the Pittsburgh area. Mr. Cvetic said he knows of at least two.

Dormont Man Named

One, he testified, is Lawrence A. Schultz of 1527 Alabama Ave., Dormont, a wholesale clothier. He said Schultz is one of the largest contributors the Communists have in Western Pennsylvania.

His wife, Miriam B., previously was listed by Mr. Cvetic as a Communist, too. He said she is a leader in the Commie-front Civil Rights Congress in Pittsburgh.

The second "angel" was to be named late today. Mr. Cvetic estimated the two contributors

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Those Accused Welcome to Testify

WASHINGTON, March 14—Rep. Francis Walter, acting chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, announced today that anyone named by Matt Cvetic as a Communist is welcome to come before the committee and "refute" the charge under oath.

'Sucker Lists' Of Red Dupes Here Exposed

Cvetic Names Congressmen, Judge

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kicked in about $100 a month each to the Communist cause.

The ex-FBI undercover man also testified that the Reds often put the tap on the district treasury of the old United Electrical Workers Union.

This union was expelled from the CIO last fall for Communist activity.

Every sucker list was available, through the CP manipulators, to the American Slav Congress, the Civil Rights Congress and the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania, Mr. Cvetic testified.

Those named were used or approached depending upon the objective being pushed.

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Program for All

"The Communists," he laughed, "have a program for everybody."

The "suckers" who indicated they weren't too much in sympathy with the Reds, Mr. Cvetic related, would be given some fast talk about how the Civil Rights Congress is fighting for "Negro rights" or how the Slav Congress is interested in protecting the "foreign born."

Many times, Mr. Cvetic told the committee, the "suckers" don't know how their money is being used.

$23,000 Diverted

He told of one meeting where $23,000 raised by the Civil Rights Congress was diverted to the defense of the 11 top Communist leaders, convicted last October in New York, although the funds were solicited for "another cause."

Mr. Cvetic explained the "sucker list" he gave the committee wasn't a very big one because it was drawn up in a hurry for a relatively minor affair.

The "master sucker list" used by the Slav Congress, he related, contained about 3000 names, including more than 20 Congressmen. Most gave financial or other support to the organization before it became an obvious Communist front.

Good Prospect for All

The witness said that as soon as a new contact was "sucked in" on one idealistically sounding Commie cause, his name immediately was placed on the lists for all other CP objectives.

In addition to the "suckers," Mr. Cvetic added more than 60 names to his list of 146 Communists in the Pittsburgh area during yesterday's testimony. He expects to name at least 70 more before he is through. The witness explained that the persons named publicly are Communists he either collected dues from or attended closed meetings with.

'Glamor Girl' Added

Among the latest to be added to Mr. Cvetic's lists of Communist Party members was Mrs. Virginia Seymour, the "glamour girl" of the Henry Wallace campaign in the Pittsburgh district in 1948.

Mr. Cvetic said Mrs. Seymour, one of the few who got paid to work in the Wallace drive, also was connected at one time with a National Committee for Atomic Information in Washington.

He also named as a Communist Rev. Voislav Gachinovich, former pastor of St. George Serbian Church, South Side.

Mr. Cvetic said Gachinovich, who was deposed by the Serbian Orthodox Church and is now in Yugoslavia, was put in charge of a "sucker campaign" to enlist the support of 200 to 300 Slavic clergymen for the Slav Congress in 1944.

Here Are Names Given By Cvetic in Red Probe

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Schools Commie Goal; Cvetic Adds Arshan, Others to Party List

Names given by Cvetic in Red probe. Page 6.

By TONY SMITH, Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 13—Former FBI Undercover Man Matt Cvetic today turned the spotlight on the Communist youth movement in Pittsburgh and other cities of the U. S.

Armed with documents found in a wrecked auto in Pittsburgh two weeks ago, Mr. Cvetic related how the Reds hoped to infiltrate "colleges, universities and high schools" through a front tagged the Labor Youth League.

The "jalopy papers," which linked the League to an international Communist network, were found in a car which crashed into a safety island in Shadyside Feb. 25.

One person was killed and four hurt in the accident.

Mr. Cvetic returned to the witness stand before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, where he blew the lid off the "Communist apparatus" in the Pittsburgh area three weeks ago.

The 41-year-old insurance salesman, who posed as a Commie for nine years to report on the Reds to the FBI, was scheduled to add more than 100 more names to his list of Communist Party members by nightfall.

Among the new names he added to the record was that of Benjamin Arshan, an optometrist formerly of Mt. Lebanon, who became the center of a neighborhood storm after holding a mixed social at his home last August.

Leader in Red Front

Arshan had denied during the controversy that he was a Communist. However, Mr. Cvetic testified today that Arshan is a party member and a leader in the Communist front Civil Rights Congress.

Arshan lived at 382 Anavanda Ave., Mt. Lebanon, but moved last fall because of heckling.

Mr. Cvetic told of how he himself helped rig the conference at which the Pittsburgh chapter of the Civil Rights Congress was founded in October, 1948.

He said he, District Communist Chairman Steve Nelson and Theresa Turner, wife of Communist Steel Organizer Andrew Onda, met in the offices of the American Slav Congress, at the Berger Bldg., to form the plans which would assure Commie control of the organization.

At Attorney's Office

The Congress was actually organized, he said, in the offices of Attorney Hymen Schlesinger, whom Mr. Cvetic previously identified as a Communist Party member.

Mr. Cvetic explained he got himself named finance chairman of the outfit. Schlesinger, he said, was named chairman of the legal committee and Miss Turner, executive secretary.

He said the "rigged" slate also included Margaret (Peggy) Russinko, of Ambridge, as corresponding secretary; Thomas Quinn, an official in the United Electrical Workers, as chairman, and Rev. C. E. McFadden, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Homewood, as vice chairman.

Ballots Not Counted

Mr. Cvetic added that he has no evidence that Rev. McFadden is a Communist. All of the others, however, are party members, he declared.

Mr. Cvetic testified the Commies also fixed the election at which a Pittsburgh district woman was chosen as a delegate to a pro-Russian "peace conference" in Hungary last year.

He said party leaders decided the delegate should be Ann Perpich, former employe of the Yugoslav Embassy, and "didn't even bother counting the ballots" after the votes had been cast.

Also on Ballot

Other candidates, he said, were Miss Russinko and Jean Vidmar, identified as office secretary for the North Side printing shop which publishes three newspapers branded as Communist-controlled.

Mr. Cvetic said Miss Perpich left the Yugoslav Embassy after the split between the Russian Cominform and the Tito regim. He said she then got a job with the Progressive Party in Pittsburgh and now is connected with "the language press" on the North Side.

The ex-FBI aide said Miss Perpich and Miss Vidmar also are

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Cvetic Bares Reds' Drive Among Youth

Congress Warned Of School Infiltration

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Communist youth leaders in the Pittsburgh area.

Others in Youth Movement

Other Commie workers in youth circles named by Mr. Cvetic included Peter Albertson, young son of the Communist Party's district secretary, and Mrs. Elmer Kish, who recently was ousted as president of the Glen Hazel Heights Mothers' Guild.

He said Harold (Sonny) Orzick, whose check book was found in the auto wreckage, is chairman of the Labor Youth League, and Lillian B. Lewis, formerly of McNaugher St., North Side, who was injured in the accident, is organizing secretary.

Mr. Cvetic previously testified Orzick was sent to Pittsburgh by the Communist hierarchy specificaly to direct the youth movement.

Communist Strategy

Mr. Cvetic explained that the Communists have two principal methods of carrying out their work.

One, he said, is to infiltrate established organizations and seize control of them. The other, he said, is to set up "front" outfits "deliberately" and use them for propaganda and fund-raising.

He said the Labor Youth League was a "deliberate" Communist front which is tied in with the Komsomol, the Communist youth organization in Russia.

Among the "jalopy papers," Mr. Cvetic identified a sheet of "draft principles" in which the Labor Youth League program was outlined.

Teachings of Marx and Lenin

It stressed that the League was to stick to the teachings of Marx, Lenin and "scientific socialism."

Mr. Cvetic said this program was "laid out" to Pittsburgh Labor Youth League leaders by Orzick at a meeting in the Fort Pitt Hotel last summer.

Mr. Cvetic's new testimony is based on three batches of documents which came into the hands of the House spy hunters since the ex-FBI man's initial appearance before the committee last month.

These are:

1—The "jalopy papers," found in the wrecked car.

2—Papers taken from a former Communist meeting hall on the second floor of 943 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, and turned over to the committee by another FBI undercover man, George Dietze, of Mt. Lebanon.

3—Eighty pounds of records taken by Mr. Cvetic from the confidential files of the Civil Rights Congress and American Slav Congress just before his departure from Pittsburgh Feb. 17 to testify before the committee.

Rentals Recorded

Mr. Cvetic read off a list of rental payments made in recent months by Orzick to ex-FBI Informant George Dietze.

These proved Mr. Dietze's assertion that "the Commies would pay me a dollar or two to hold meetings in my place."

Mr. Dietze didn't mind the small payments because all the while he was serving as the FBI's "listening post" and picking up for the Government everything uttered at the gatherings.

Frank Tavenner, attorney for the House Committee, said the "jalopy papers" found in the wrecked auto, "obviously" were being moved "for the purpose of destroying them."

Prospects Sized Up

He revealed that a shovel and a basket of dirt were found in the trunk of the car after the accident. Investigators said the records apparently were to be burned or buried.

Mr. Cvetic said the Youth League organizers were supplied with specific instructions on how to do their work, including a speech by Joseph Stalin—found in the wreckage—describing the role they should play in the "young Communist" network.

Potential members, he testified, were first "sized up" at church meetings, bowling alleys and dances and then invited to Youth League gatherings.

The document showed almost 6000 paying members have been recruited by the Youth League.

Mr. Cvetic indicated the Communists concentrated their college efforts here on the University of Pittsburgh.

He named Eben Matles, former Pitt student and a leader in the Students for Wallace group in Pittsburgh, as a Communist youth organizer.

He said Matles' wife, Maxine, now is employed as a secretary in the Communist Party office in the Bakewell Bldg. She formerly worked as a secretary for Local 623 of the United Electrical Workers, a union recently expelled from the CIO for adhering to the Commie line.

Mr. Cvetic said Walter Mugford, former business a[illegible] UE Local 623, also is a [illegible]nist. Mugford now is [illegible] Jersey.

New List of Names Revealed by Cvetic

Following is a list of names given by Matthew Cvetic as active in Communist work in the Pittsburgh area:

Evelyn Abelson, Pittsburgh.

William Albertson, district secretary of the Communist party for Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh.

Peter Albertson, his son.

Jack Begler, 1551 Dennison Street, Pittsburgh, a party organizer.

Esther Bliss, Pittsburgh.

Herb Glickman, Pittsburgh, former organizer in Washington County.

Pearl Griffin, office secretary for the Progressive party, Pittsburgh.

Jerry Grushka, organizer for the league, Pittsburgh.

Lila Grushka, his wife.

Ruth Goldsworthy, Pittsburgh.

Rebecca (Becky) Horowitz, Hazelwood.

Hellen Kompus, 510 N. Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh, an employe of the William Penn Hotel and a member of the "Hotel and Restaurant Cell" of the party, Cvetic's own cell.

Nick Lazaris, Pittsburgh.

Lillian Lewis, 106 McNaughter Street, Pittsburgh, organizing secretary of the League.

Ida M. Lewis.

Agnes Mankin (Mrs. Joe Mankin).

Eben Matles, Communist party organizer, "used to work around the University of Pittsburgh."

Maxine Matles, secretary in the Communist party office of Western Pennsylvania.

Walter Nugford, Pittsburgh, Communist party organizer in the United Electrical Workers union.

Edwin (Ed) Nixon, Pittsburgh.

Harold (Sonny) Orzick, Labor Youth League organizer for Western Pennsylvania.

Ann Perpich, Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania delegate to the Budapest conference of the World Conference of Democratic Youth, employed in the Yugoslav embassy in Washington "before the Stalin-Tito break."

Peggy Russinko, Western Pennsylvania delegate to the Budapest Conference of the World Congress of Democratic Youth, Communist party youth organizer.

Vila Schmidt.

Alex Steinberg.

Bernie Silas, McKeesport.

Allen Thomas, Communist party organizer in the Crucible Steel Company, Pittsburgh.

Jean Vidmar, office secretary for the American Slav Printing Company, and delegate to the Budapest Youth Conference.

Herbert Walker.

Cvetic identified as Communists the following with the Pittsburgh Civil Rights Congress, also named a Communist front by the committee:

Dorothy Albert, a member of the Congress Publicity Committee and sister of Nathan Albert of New York.

Frances Begler (Mrs. Jack Begler, wife of a Communist party organizer in Western Pennsylvania.

Louis Benjoles (Benjoya), sent from New York to Pittsburgh to work for the Progressive party "Wallace campaign."

Joe Chuplis, Springdale, "an old time Communist."

Pauline Grant, wife of Dave Grant, a party organizer in the United Electrical Workers union.

Rose Mazur, Springdale.

Thomas Quinn, party organizer.

Alma Robinson (Mrs. Joseph Rudiak, the chairman of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.

Regina Rudiak, wife of Joe ("Sonny" Robinson).

Ly Schlessinger, Pittsburgh attorney also active in the Labor Youth League.

Mariam Schultz (Mrs. Lawrence Schultz), first executive secretary of Pittsburgh Civil Rights Congress.

Pauline Slome.

Teresa Turner, named by Communist Organizer Steve Nelson to succeed Mrs. Schultz as executive secretary of the Congress.

Calvin Brook, 1253 Shadycrest Drive, Pittsburgh.

Sarah Filner (Mrs. Joseph Filner).

Anne Natchie Fink.

Carl Fink, Houston, Pa.

Tom Fitzgerald.

Charlie Fisher, former chairman of the Progressive party in Pennsylvania, succeeding Virginia Seymour.

Tony Gabrisch, party organizer in New Kensington.

Mike Godich, 711 Union Street, Pittsburgh. (Also identified as being from McKeesport).

Martha Hubscher, 1253 Shadycrest Drive, Pittsburgh.

Eric Hudscher.

Charles M. Kern, Jr., radio script writer for a Pittsburgh broadcasting station.

Mary Kluko, 1521 Oak Street, Pittsburgh.

Stanley Loney, former president of District 6, United Electrical Workers.

Paul Matanic, Beaver Valley Communist party organizer.

Mark Massola, New Kensington.

Frank Malkovich, New Kensington.

Liza Minerich (Mrs. Tony Minerich).

William Patterson, national executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, New York.

Sonya (Sunny) Sartisky, wife of Jack Sartisky, an organizer.

Lawrence Schultz, 1527 Alabama Avenue, Pittsburgh, identified as one of the large contributors to the Communist party.

Eva Jandrokovich Straka.

John Strizich.

Jack Strobel.

Joseph Vrban, 5243 Keystone, Pittsburgh.

Alexander Wright.

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TESTIMONY OF MATTHEW CVETIC BEFORE

HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 21-23, 1950

I. Has CVETIC previously furnished your office all of the information he testified to before the Committee?

No. The following discrepancies were noted.

1. Re testimony: Page 9, Paragraph 5-8. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-20-82 BY

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who was LEN KOGAN?

"Mr. CVETIC. He was the Professional Branch organizer in Pittsburgh and also an organizer for the United Electrical Workers in Pittsburgh. He has since left Pittsburgh.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You state he was an organizer for the UE?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes."

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he identified LEN KOGAN as an organizer for the United Electrical Workers in Pittsburgh.

The report of SA ALPHONSE F. CALABRESE, Pittsburgh, 8/25/43, Pages 8 and 9, and the report of SA ROBERT E. KEHRES, Pittsburgh, 12/9/44, Page 1, Paragraph 2, and Page 2, Paragraph 1, in the case entitled "LEON DAVID KOGAN, aka.; INTERNAL SECURITY-C," reflect that KOGAN, while employed at the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Co., was affiliated with Local 615 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America-CIO and was an active member. These reports, however, do not indicate that KOGAN was an organizer for that union.

2. Re testimony: Page 13, Paragraph 13, to Page 14, Paragraph 5.

"Mr. CVETIC. I was also secretary of the Slovene Commission of the Communist Party, USA. Originally when I got into the Slovene Commission I was elected chairman.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Are you speaking there of the area of Pittsburgh?

"Mr. CVETIC. I am speaking on the national level.

"Mr. TAVENNER. The Commission on the national level?

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"Mr. OVZZIC. Yes. I was first the chairman on the national level and later was made secretary on the national level of this Commission."

No report submitted by OVZZIC can be located in which he advised that he was secretary of the Slovene Commission of the Communist Party, USA.

It is noted that when interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY on May 6, 7 and 9, 1949, OVZZIC stated that he had been chairman of the Slovene Bureau of the Nationality Commission from 1946 to that date.

OVZZIC's last report to this office with regard to the Slovene Bureau was dated May 23, 1949, in which he furnished details of a Slovene Bureau meeting held at Cleveland, Ohio on May 22, 1949. In this report OVZZIC listed himself as "Chairman of Slovene Bureau, Communist Party, USA."

3. Re testimony: Page 15, Paragraph 10.

(While testifying with regard to members of the North Side Club, OVZZIC stated:)

"Another was MARK LOVATT, but I understand he has since been expelled from the Party. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the North Side Club."

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No reports by OVZZIC could be located which reported LOVATT's having been expelled from the Communist Party. It is noted that Pittsburgh [redacted] and [redacted] have reported that MARK LOVATT was expelled from the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

4. Re testimony: Page 23, Paragraph 10, to Page 24, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Will you outline to the committee the procedure that was followed in calling this meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, at which you were elected to the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?

"Mr. OVZZIC. Yes. I met with AVRCK LAUDY in Pittsburgh. He is also known as AL LAUDY.

"Mr. MOULDER. Can you fix the date?

"Mr. OVZZIC. I can't fix a date on this. I can only fix an approximate time. It was sometime in 1948. When I met with him he asked me to call together the leading members of the Communist Party in the Slovene Group. He told me I could get the names of the leading members from GEORGE GITKOVICH. I met with GITKOVICH, and he supplied me with the names of

the key members in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York, and Pittsburgh."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located reflecting his meeting with LANDY at Pittsburgh in 1945 to call a meeting of the Slovene Communist Party Group.

5. Re testimony: Page 33, Paragraph 3, to Page 34, Paragraph 4.

CVETIC stated: "Among the members nationally of the Nationality Commission with whom I have met are the following: ...ISRAEL AMTER, now deceased. He was a member of the International Workers Order... BOLESLAW GEBERT, organizer, Polish Section, who fled to Poland on the Gydnia-American Line ship, the Batory...ZARKO BUNCICH, attorney, Akron, Ohio."

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he reported ISRAEL AMTER as deceased, nor BOLESLAW GEBERT as having fled to Poland on the Batory. CVETIC has reported that ZARKO BUNCICH had attended meetings of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress and that BUNCICH was a member of the Communist Party. No reports can be located, however, in which CVETIC reported BUNCICH as having attended a meeting of the Nationality Commission (Nationality Groups Commission) of the Communist Party, USA.

6. Re testimony: Page 62, Paragraphs 5 and 6, and Page 63, Paragraphs 1-3.

"Mr. CVETIC. This meeting was held prior to the meeting I just reported in my testimony here, and that was in 1944 also. I met with the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio. This meeting in Cleveland was held in the form of a caucus, or I should say several caucuses, during a meeting of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress, in the hotel where this meeting was being held.

"There were several caucuses held by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party during this Committee meeting, and these were led by AVROM LANDY and attended by the following Communist Party members: GEORGE PIRINSKY, LEO BACICH, HARRY JUSTIZ, DANIEL KASUSTCHIK, VICTOR SHARENKOFF, MIKE RADULAK, myself and several others.

"Mr. TAVENNER. What other meetings of the national Nationality Commission did you attend, other than those you have referred to?

"Mr. CVETIC. I would like to add to my testimony on this Cleveland meeting that AVROM LANDY called these caucuses, and I acted as messenger for AVROM LANDY to tell the other members that this meeting would be held."

No reports submitted by CVETIC reporting this information can be located.

7. Re testimony: Page 67, Paragraphs 2-4.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You stated you were a member of the State, County and Municipality Professional Workers?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes.

"Mr. TAVENNER. When did you become a member of that union?

"Mr. CVETIC. Sometime in September 1941."

No report of CVETIC's can be located reflecting that he became a member of the State, County and Municipality Professional Workers (State, County and Municipal Workers of America - CIO) in September, 1941.

8. Re testimony: Page 71, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "Since that time, GEORGE WUCHINICH has become a member of the McKeesport Branch in Western Pennsylvania."

No reports submitted by CVETIC reporting WUCHINICH as a member of the McKeesport Branch in Western Pennsylvania can be located.

It is noted that on February 12, 1949 CVETIC reported that GEORGE WUCHINICH had stated his future Party assignment would be Communist Party organizational work in the McKees Rocks area.

By report dated January 19, 1950, CVETIC advised that JOHN VIDMAR had stated he had "already registered...GEORGE (probably WUCHINICH) in McKees Rocks."

9. Re testimony: Page 72, Paragraphs 1 and 2.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Did he (GEORGE WUCHINICH) later succeed you as executive secretary of the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. The way this came about, ROY HUDSON, who was the district organizer for the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, asked me to meet with him and GEORGE WUCHINICH at the YMCA in Pittsburgh. We had lunch there. At that time ROY HUDSON asked if I would be willing to withdraw as executive secretary so GEORGE WUCHINICH could succeed me. ROY said: 'Since GEORGE WUCHINICH is a veteran, he would not be subject to attack.' So I agreed to step aside."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets this information out in this specific manner.

CVETIC's report dated May 27, 1947 set out that there had been much discussion between CVETIC, GEORGE WUCHINICH, ROY HUDSON and DAVE GRANT as to where WUCHINICH and CVETIC should work; that HUDSON desired WUCHINICH to remain in Pittsburgh, rather than go to New York. This report concluded: "All seem to agree...so they are going to try to get WUCHINICH to go on full time for the Congress."

10. Re testimony: Page 78, Paragraphs 4-7.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give us some idea of the financial assistance the Labor Press Committee gave the Daily Worker or Sunday Worker through the activity of that Committee?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. We were instrumental several times in raising $8,000 or $10,000 in Western Pennsylvania for the Daily and Sunday Worker through raffles and picnics and so forth. We set up this Committee in the Communist Party office, with Communist Party members as members of the Committee.

"Mr. TAVENNER. This $8,000 or $10,000 you raised was raised over what period of time?

"Mr. CVETIC. A one-year period. One year we raised around $8,000 or $10,000. Another year we raised around $7,000. Last year we raised $3,000 or $4,000. I would say in about five years we raised between $25,000 and $30,000 through this Committee."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he specifically reported this information. According to a report submitted on August 29, 1949, CVETIC advised that the picnic held in 1949 was known as the "All Nations Picnic," rather than as a picnic held under the auspices of the "Labor Press Committee."

With regard to moneys raised by the Labor Press Committee, CVETIC furnished a mimeographed sheet on September 27, 1948 which reflected that the Labor Press Committee Picnic in that year had raised $5,370.

On September 11, 1947, CVETIC furnished information to the effect that the 1947 picnic had raised $7,073.55. On July 21, 1946 CVETIC reported the picnic held in that year had grossed over $6,900.

11. Re testimony: Page 79, Paragraphs 3-4.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give us the names of other known Communist Party members who have served on the Labor Press Committee, to your knowledge?

"Mr. CVETIC. MIKE HANUSIAK; BEN CARPATHERS; PAT CUSH; TOM FITZPATRICK."

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located which set out that TOM FITZPATRICK served on the Labor Press Committee.

12. Re testimony: Page 96, Paragraphs 4-8.

"Mr. CVETIC. The first knowledge I had that we were going to try to organize a new party in the United States was back in 1946, the fall or winter of 1946. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER came to Pittsburgh and addressed a mass meeting called by the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

"At this time the United States was demobilized after the war, and the two highlights of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's speech were, he started attacking the war-makers in the United States, and made statements to the effect, 'they will never beat down the Soviet Union and so on so they might as well forget about it.'

"Mr. WALTER. Will you fix the date?

"Mr. CVETIC. In the fall or winter of 1946. It was the year before we organized the Presidential campaigns for 1948. It could have been in November or December.

"The second high point of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's speech was, he stressed the importance of building a new people's party in the United States, and said that the Communist Party should work with an aim to becoming a part of this new people's party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information.

In reports dated November 26, 1945 and March 10, 1946, CVETIC reported on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER mass meetings held by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in the Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, on November 25, 1945 and the Henry Clay Frick School, Pittsburgh, on March 10, 1946, respectively. According to these reports, FOSTER denounced the United States at both meetings. CVETIC reported that at the March 10, 1946 meeting, FOSTER stated that Russia had never been conquered and could not be defeated. Neither of these reports set out that FOSTER stressed the importance of building a new people's party in the United States. The report of March 10, 1946 set out that FOSTER made an appeal for Communist Party recruits.

13. Re testimony: Page 97, last paragraph, to Page 98, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. At meetings of the District Committee of the Communist Party, the Progressive Party, once it was organized, was always on

the agenda, and blanket instructions were issued to all Communist Party members to join the Progressive Party. Then when the Progressive Party was organized, the line was at that time and is still at the present time, that the Progressive Party is one of our big concentration points.

"Take, for example, in Western Pennsylvania today, at the most recent functionary meeting of the Communist Party instructions were issued to everybody to register as members of the Progressive Party. I don't know how successful they have been. I know I didn't take time to register, but I know some Communist Party members did register as a result of those instructions.

"Mr. WALTER. Would you say the Communists in the area with which you are acquainted are all members of the Progressive Party?

"Mr. CVETIC. We only started registering this year because we were not a party on the ballot before, but I would say yes, they are all members of the Progressive Party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information. CVETIC's most recent report with regard to a meeting of district functionaries of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania was submitted on January 14, 1950 and concerned a meeting held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on January 14, 1950. This report did not contain any mention of the Progressive Party.

It is noted, however, that CVETIC has submitted reports in which he has set out that Communist Party members were requested to register as Progressive Party members.

14. Re testimony: Page 98, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know the approximate membership of the Progressive Party in Western Pennsylvania?

"Mr. CVETIC. At the last election we voted four thousand votes. I would say that this would represent about the Progressive Party strength in Western Pennsylvania."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which reports this information. It is noted that this information has been available in local newspapers.

According to CNDI PI-37, the Progressive Party polled 3,256 votes for ALEX WRIGHT, Progressive Party candidate for City Council at the November, 1949 elections.

15. Re testimony: Page 112, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. KEARNEY. Did the authorities know it would be a Communist Party meeting?

"Mr. CURTIS. I would say yes, because objections were raised at various times with Mr. DIEBEL, who is in charge of the library, objections raised by patriotic Americans, but he said as long as he was there if they wanted to use it for meeting they could do so."

No reports submitted by CURTIS can be located setting out this information. It is noted that the individual referred to by CURTIS in Paragraph 5 is GEORGE DIEBEL, manager of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny.

16. Re testimony: Page 116, Paragraph 3.

CURTIS stated: "The report I heard made by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, district secretary of the Communist Party, was that in the eighteen months since STEVE NELSON and ANDY OLDA came to Pittsburgh, not more than 25 people were recruited into the Communist Party in this strategic steel area. The best I have been able to ascertain, they have suffered some loss in that area. We had about 800 members in 1945, and now we have only 650 members in Western Pennsylvania."

No report submitted by CURTIS can be located which sets out this information.

PI-14 reported on December 11, 1948 that as of November 1, 1948 the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania had approximately 762 registered members in 1948.

17. Re testimony: Page 118, Paragraphs 9-10.

"Mr. KAYSER. Who helped you in this organizational work at Crucible Steel Company?

"Mr. CURTIS. DAVE GRANT, who was the city secretary of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh; ELEANOR SAGATOR; and MIKE SAUNDERS. MIKE SAUNDERS has since been transferred to New York City."

No report submitted by CURTIS can be located which described MIKE SAUNDERS as having done Communist Party organizational work at the Crucible Steel Company in Pittsburgh.

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[redacted] reported on January 25, 1946 that MIKE SAUNDERS' principal activity in Communist Party steel organizational work was at the Pressed Steel Car Company, McKees Rocks, Pa.

18. Re testimony: Page 119, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who were those that were exposed as Communist Party members and expelled from the union?

"Mr. GVERIC. One was ZYGMUND PANOSKI. Another was JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON. Another one who was elected an officer, whether he was ousted or not I don't know, was MIKE FILEVICH."

No report submitted by GVERIC can be located which reports that MIKE FILEVICH was an officer in the Crucible Steel Local of the United Steelworkers-CIO.

19. Re testimony: Page 119, last paragraph, and Page 120, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you identify any of the present members there? (at Crucible Steel Co.)

"Mr. GVERIC. Yes, I can. While I haven't had contact with this cell over the past two years, I have seen at Communist Party meetings MIKE FILEVICH and JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON, even though I understand that for some reason which was not apparent to me SONNY ROBINSON was censored by the District Committee of the Communist Party, and he may even have been expelled since my contacts with him."

No report submitted by GVERIC can be located in which he advised that JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON was censored or expelled from the Communist Party.

GVERIC reported on January 14, 1950 that ROBINSON had attended a meeting of District functionaries and members held on that date at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh. In view of this report, it should have been apparent to GVERIC that ROBINSON had not been expelled.

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PI-26 has advised that JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON is presently a member of the Food Branch of the Communist Party. PI-10, [redacted] and [redacted] have reported that during the spring of 1949, ROBINSON was caught stealing or gambling at the Crucible Steel Co. and was discharged. [redacted] reported on April 15, 1949 that ROBINSON was to be transferred from the Steel Club.

20. Re testimony: Page 120, Paragraphs 2-4.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you identify for the committee other members of the Communist Party who are currently active or have been active in the steel industry for the benefit of the Communist Party?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I can add some names to the organizers I have already mentioned.

"At the J. & L. Plant, South Side, ALEX STABER was one of the Communist Party organizers, although I believe that recently he has been transferred to the UE cell of the Communist Party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out that ALEX STABER was recently transferred to the UE cell of the Communist Party.

As set out in the report of SA JOE H. FRANCIS, Pittsburgh, 1/27/50, in the case entitled "ALEXANDER STABER, aka., SECURITY MATTER - C," (Butile 100-134110) STABER was employed by the Home Radio Division, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Sunbury, Pa. on September 7, 1949. W. H. MOSEY of same company advised on February 2, 1950 that STABER returned to Pittsburgh in December, 1949, and that mail was to be sent him in care of the GUERRA, East Pittsburgh. No information has been received from any source that STABER has been transferred to the UE cell of the Communist Party.

21. No testimony: Page 103, Paragraphs 5-6.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know STEVE NOSEK, who was the international representative of UE in Pittsburgh, and if so, was he a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I know STEVE NOSEK very well, and I have attended District Committee meetings of the Communist Party with STEVE NOSEK. He is a member of the Communist Party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he specifically stated that NOSEK had been observed by him at a District Committee meeting. CVETIC has reported NOSEK as being present at meetings of Communist Party leaders, but has never designated such meetings as District Committee meetings.

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[redacted] reported that NOSEK attended but one District Committee meeting and that as of March 8, 1947 he was a member of the District Buro.

22. No testimony: Page 113, last paragraph, Page 124, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. In the Communist movement in Western Pennsylvania, TOM FITZPATRICK was always looked upon as the leading member. At District Committee meetings of the Communist Party, TOM FITZPATRICK, at least up until recently, usually made the report on what was being accomplished at the Westinghouse Plant in East Pittsburgh. On many occasions, BOB QUINN accompanied TOM FITZPATRICK at these meetings."

No report submitted by CVETIC or any other source of this office can be located which sets out that THOMAS QUINN attended a District Committee meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

23. Re testimony: Page 123, Paragraphs 8-11.

"Mr. CVETIC. Most of the Communist Party activities in mining are centered in Washington County, Allegheny Valley, and around the Johnstown area. Some of the other organizers in this area are: MIKE [illegible], for Allegheny Valley. STEVE [illegible], for Washington County. STEVE STARA, also for Washington County."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out that STEVE STARA is an organizer in the coal mining areas. CVETIC, however, has reported STARA in attendance at District Committee meetings and District Conventions of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

24. Re testimony: Page 145, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. Well, I can quote STEVE NELSON on the atom bomb, but in so far as the atom bomb secret, I always thought it was the better part of discretion not to ask any questions concerning espionage of the atom bomb. However, when President Truman announced that Russia had the atom bomb, I rode home with STEVE NELSON after a meeting and he made the following statement to me, and I am quoting here STEVE NELSON; he said: 'We have the atom bomb now and the enemy won't be in such a God damned hurry to start a war.' When he said the 'enemy' he was referring to the United States Government."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets forth this information.

25. Re testimony: Page 145, Paragraph 5, Page 146, Paragraphs 1-5.

CVETIC stated: "And still on another occasion, in referring to help for China--and here I am talking about help from the United States, we were discussing help for the new people's government in China--STEVE NELSON made the following statement to me: 'We should take all the help in money, machinery and material from the enemy'--and here again 'enemy' refers to the United States--'as this will hasten the day here.' When he refers to help he is talking about help for the new people's government in China.

"He further said: 'We should take all the help we can from the suckers over here.'

"Mr. CASE. What was the date of that statement?

"Mr. CVETIC. The date and the statement are in the files of the FBI. I did not keep copies of my reports to the FBI, but I did keep notations. This was when the victory in China was becoming apparent, and they started to build a drive here to get help from the United States for machinery and material.

"Mr. CASE. In other words, it was within the past year?

"Mr. CVETIC. It was within the past year. His statement is in my reports in the FBI files."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information.

It is to be noted that this office has never had any indication that CVETIC kept notations concerning his activities within the Communist Party as mentioned by him in Paragraph 4, Page 146.

26. No testimony: Page 153, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. CASE. This quotation, is that taken from an official document?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. It is taken from the Party line. I turned over the official report to the FBI."

CVETIC's report of July 31, 1946, which set out his observations of the 1945 Communist Party Convention held in New York City, contained no reference to the above "official document." It is noted that this document, or report, is not sufficiently identified to enable this office to make any comment concerning same.

27. No testimony: Page 169, last paragraph, to Page 170, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Are all these programs handled in the same manner as were the programs of the American Slav Congress?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. The line taken into these programs was always discussed by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party or by the Communists at the Language Press and then carried into the program."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information as applying to all of the radio programs mentioned on Page 169.

28. Re testimony: Page 171, Paragraphs 2-3.

CVETIC stated: "In earlier testimony I stated that while the Communist Party is working in the coal fields, they haven't made any progress with the United Mine Workers. Take, for example, in the present strike, I met with BILL GORDON, a Communist Party organizer, a week ago last Saturday, and he said the Communist Party has brought fifty youth leaders from New York to work in the coal fields, and they are going out there with the Sunday and Daily Worker, and they are collecting food.

"BILL GORDON said: 'You give the coal miner a can of food. Then when you offer him a Daily or Sunday Worker, how can he turn it down?' So they use food as bait."

No report of CVETIC's can be located which sets out this information.

It is to be noted that this information may have been received by CVETIC after his discontinuance by this office.

29. Re testimony: Page 174, Paragraph 5, to Page 175, Paragraph 8.

"Mr. KEARNEY. You have testified to methods by which the Communist Party disseminates the Party line among the rank and file. Will you tell the committee who determines the so-called twists and turns of this line, and where it originates?

"Mr. CVETIC. I have previously testified that in Party meetings we never talk about Communism just in one word. We always refer to international communism. In other words, when we have these educational classes and have discussions, we never talk about Communism. We talk about International Communism. In other words, the struggle is for International Communism, to Communize the world.

"In addition to these theoretical books of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and so on, we are furnished with the Sunday and Daily Worker, which is available to us, and which is the official organ of the Communist Party here. And for the advanced and functionary members of the Communist Party we are furnished a weekly bulletin which is the official document of the Cominform, and which comes out of the Eastern European countries. This is also furnished to the advanced members of the Communist Party so that they can take the line down

to the members on the lower level.

"Mr. KRAMER. That line originates outside the confines of the United States?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. The bulletin we got is the official document of the Cominform.

"Mr. KRAMER. Where does it come from?

"Mr. CVETIC. From Bucharest, I think. It is made available to us weekly.

"Mr. KRAMER. In other words, the American Communist not only follows the Party line all the way down the line, but takes orders from Bucharest or somewhere else outside the confines of the United States?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. Our orders come from the Kremlin, from the Cominform. I mentioned before the secretary of the French Communist Party who was instrumental in bringing about the Communist Party line change at the national convention of the Communist Party in 1945.

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to add that this bulletin is also on the 'must' reading list for functionaries and advanced Party members."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information or any information concerning the Communist Party line as announced by the Cominform. It is noted that the Cominform organ has usually been published twice a month rather than weekly, and that CVETIC at no time furnished any detailed information regarding the policies of the Cominform.

30. No testimony: Page 176, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. All I know is that it is the official document of the Cominform. I have submitted copies to the FBI. The document the Congressman is looking at seems to be one of them."

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No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which mentions the official document of the Cominform and no information regarding this organ as furnished by CVETIC can be located in the files of this office. It is noted that [redacted] has made this organ available on occasion and the Bureau has been advised of same.

31. No testimony: Page 178, last paragraph, to Page 179, Paragraph 2.

"Mr. CVETIC. Well, I can recollect at least one occasion when [redacted], who was then district organizer for the Communist Party--and this was while I was employed at the United States Employment Service--[redacted] asked me to come to his office one day, and he asked me to secure from the files of the United States Employment Service information

relative to the number of employees working in industry in Western Pennsylvania. The information he requested he wanted broken down into the various companies and various industries, steel and so on.

"In answer to ROY HUDSON's request, before I furnished him with any information I contacted the office of the FBI and told them what he wanted me to do. They told me to go ahead and see what I could find, and before I turned it over to ROY HUDSON to check with them.

"I went to the United States Employment Service, removed the information from the files that ROY HUDSON wanted me to get; I checked it with the agent of the FBI with whom I was working; we manipulated some of the figures; then I turned them over to ROY HUDSON. What he did with the figures after I turned them over to him, I don't know.

"Mr. TAVENNER. When did that occur?

"Mr. GUETIG. He came to Pittsburgh as the district organizer after the national convention of 1945, and this was six months or so after I met him in Pittsburgh. I would say it was the latter part of 1945 or first part of 1946. I filed a report on it, and cleared with the FBI before I turned the papers over to ROY HUDSON."

No report submitted by GUETIG, and no information regarding this incident can be located in the files of this office.

It is noted that GUETIG has previously advised this office that he ceased work at the U. S. Employment Service in December, 1945 and in a report submitted by him on November 28, 1945 he set out that "GUETIG was going on full time as executive secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief next week."

[redacted] advised that ROY HUDSON came to Pittsburgh as district chairman of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania, on September 23, 1945. b7D

32. Re testimony: Page 179, last paragraph, to Page 183, Paragraph 3.

This testimony concerns records of the Civil Rights Congress, the American Slav Congress and the Progressive Party, which were maintained at 943 Liberty Ave., and which were made available to the House Committee on Un-American Activities by GUETIG.

It is noted that the above material was secured by GUETIG subsequent to January 23, 1950, the last day on which GUETIG was officially contacted by this office.

It is further noted, however, that CVETIC voluntarily telephoned this office on February 1, 1950, at which time he stated he intended to secure the above records within a few days and that he would voluntarily make same available to this office in the near future. It is further noted that the Bureau had instructed this office not to initiate any further contact with CVETIC after January 23, 1950 and that he did not voluntarily re-contact this office after February 1, 1950.

33. Re testimony: Page 184, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "At a meeting which I attended recently, and that was about three months ago, of the North Side Section Committee, BILL ALBERTSON, district secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, in asking BILL GORDON and JOHN VIDMAR to visit a couple clergymen in West Side, Pittsburgh for the purpose of organizing a peace front, said to BILL GORDON and JOHN VIDMAR: 'You don't have to tell the clergymen you contact to induce them to front for a peace organization what our real aims and program are.' They are interested in organizing a peace drive, but we are told to keep our real aims from the people."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out the above quotation attributed to BILL ALBERTSON. CVETIC, however, has reported that a meeting of the membership of the North Side Section of the Communist Party was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, on the evening of January 5, 1950; that seven persons were present. CVETIC's report set out that "...BILL ALBERTSON stated that if we (Communists) can get several persons to join with us on any one issue whether it be a strike for a wage increase, on the Negro Question, on Peace or on the fare increase (Pgh. Railways Co.) this is what is meant by United Front Work...

"As a result of BILL ALBERTSON's suggestions and report the following work was adopted for the Northside Section.

"JOHN VIDMAR and BILL GORDON are to visit Mr. SEIBEL at the Northside Carnegie Library and discuss with him the organization of a Peace movement...If Mr. SEIBEL won't go along then they are to see the Minister at the Unitarian Church on ReSaca Place who BILL said sent for some Communist literature to the Party office some months ago, but we haven't heard from him since. If he can't be gotten then three or four other progressive ministers in Northside are to be contacted."

It is also noted that CNDI PI-26 reported on the above meeting but did not report the statement attributed to ALBERTSON by CVETIC in his testimony.

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33. Re testimony: Page 1184, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "At a meeting which I attended recently, and that was about three months ago, of the North Side Section Committee, BILL ALBERTSON, district secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, in asking BILL GORDON and JOHN VIDMAR to visit a couple clergymen in East Side, Pittsburgh for the purpose of organizing a peace front, said to BILL GORDON and JOHN VIDMAR: 'You don't have to tell the clergymen you contact to induce them to front for a peace organization what our real aims and program are.' They are interested in organizing a peace drive, but we are told to keep our real aims from the people."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information. CVETIC's last report regarding a North Side Section Committee meeting was dated December 2, 1949 and contained information regarding a meeting held on December 1, 1949 at 943 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. CVETIC reported that six people had attended this meeting but did not report that BILL ALBERTSON participated therein. The agenda mentioned by CVETIC in his testimony was not set out in the above report dated December 2, 1949.

It has been ascertained, however, that CHDI PI-26 has reported that a meeting probably identical with the one referred to by CVETIC in his testimony was held at 943 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, on January 5, 1950. It is noted that PI-26 reported eight people in attendance, including ALBERTSON, VIDMAR, GORDON and CVETIC; the discussion at the meeting was concerned with the United Front program of the Communist Party and with possible contacts to be made with clergymen. PI-26, however, did not report the statement attributed to ALBERTSON by CVETIC as set out above.

It is further noted that CVETIC was advised of his discontinuance by this office on January 3, 1950.

II. Is CVETIC's testimony before the Committee substantially the same as the information previously furnished to your office by him on the matters covered in the testimony?

Yes, with the following exceptions.

1. Re testimony: Page 3, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "In 1935 I went to work for the Department of Justice on a crime survey;..."

In November, 1947 CVETIC advised this office that he had been employed from 1935 to 1937 as a research worker for the WPA on a crime survey at Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, Pa. When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY on May 6, 7, 9, 1949, CVETIC stated he had worked for the WPA and the Departments of Commerce, Labor and Justice on a crime survey at Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary during 1936 and 1937.

2. Re testimony: Page 3, Paragraphs 8-12.

"Mr. CVETIC: '...In December, 1945 I went to work for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief as the executive secretary in Western Pennsylvania.

"Mr. TAVENNER. How long did you work for them?

"Mr. CVETIC. About two years.

"Mr. TAVENNER. And when did you cease working for them?

"Mr. CVETIC. In December 1947, when I was made executive secretary of the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania.

When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY in 1949, as mentioned above and as set out in reports submitted in 1946 and 1948, CVETIC advised that he was employed as executive secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief from December, 1945 to November, 1946 and that during the latter month he became executive secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.

3. Re testimony: Page 8, Paragraphs 7-8.

(Re CVETIC's membership in the [illegible] Professional Branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh).

"Mr. CVETIC. ...At the time I joined, STEVE SEDLICH and POLLY GIMON were two of the members...H. J. STEINBERG, attorney, in Pittsburgh, was a member;...MARTIN KRASICH, an officer of the Croatian Fraternal

Union, was a member..."

With regard to STEVE DEDIER, CVETIC reported on February 24, 1943 that "I attended our regular meeting of the TOM PAINE Branch of the Communist Party on Wednesday night, March 24, 1943 at the residence of DOLLY GAYNOR, 93 Dimling Way, Oakland, Pittsburgh... The following were in attendance...STEVE DEDIER, husband of DOLLY GAYNOR, who came in late (after the meeting)."

It is noted that CVETIC has furnished no further information which would indicate that DEDIER was a member of the TOM PAINE Branch. The file entitled "STEVE DEDIER, was.; INTERNAL SECURITY-R," (Bur au file 100-18572) contains no information regarding DEDIER's membership in any specific branch of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

With reference to M. J. STEINBERG (HORACE VAN STEINBERG), CVETIC reported on November 21, 1943 that "Last night at the home of Attorney STEINBERG, located at 1402 Severn St. in Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh, the Progressive Discussion Group held a joint meeting of the TOM PAINE Branch of the Communist Party and their group, and members of the Squirrel Hill Branch and their group...I recognized the following people at the meeting, all well known to me...Attorney STEINBERG."

In a report dated March 21, 1944, CVETIC advised that during the course of a Professional and White Collar Wartime Conference which was organized by the TOM PAINE Branch and held in the Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh on March 20, 1944, "LEE KOGAN said that he is trying to get VAN STEINBERG into the TOM PAINE Branch."

On July 19, 1945, CVETIC orally advised that ADELE HUDSON had remarked that she had finally been successful in getting VAN STEINBERG to attend one of their branch meetings and that STEINBERG had attended the last meeting of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party. CVETIC reported on August 21, 1947 that "VAN STEINBERG had attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Professional Club of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh held...on August 20, 1947."

It is noted that according to CVETIC's reports the TOM PAINE Branch was dissolved in June, 1944; that CVETIC did not definitely identify STEINBERG as a member of that branch, although he did report him as a Professional Branch member in 1947.

With reference to MARTIN KRASIN, the report of SA ALEXANDER H. GUNSKY, Pittsburgh, 7/10/44 in the case entitled "MARTIN KRASIN, was., INTERNAL SECURITY-C," (Bureau file 100-256916) sets out at Page 7, Paragraph 4,

that CVETIC had advised "he had not noticed any activity on the part of KRASICH among the Slavish groups he, (CVETIC,) comes in contact with."

On June 8, 1948, CVETIC reported that KRASICH attended and spoke at a meeting of the National Committee of the Croatian Section of the Communist Party which was held on that date in Pittsburgh, Pa., but as set out in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 4/29/47, Page 4, Paragraph 4, in the above Buffile, CVETIC advised that he had not definitely identified KRASICH as a member of the Communist Party. b6 b7C

By report dated August 21, 1947, CVETIC advised that during the course of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Professional Club held at Pittsburgh on August 20, 1947, he had learned that MARTIN KRASICH was a member of the Professional Club. KRASICH was not reported in attendance at this meeting, however.

It is noted that the CPUSA Branch was dissolved in June, 1944 and that CVETIC did not identify KRASICH as a member of that branch although he did report that he had learned KRASICH was a member of the Professional Branch in 1947.

4. Re testimony: Page 11, Paragraph 4.

CVETIC stated: "My next position after that came in 1944 when I met with PETE KARPA, DOLLY GALMON and MAX WEISS, who was then the district organizer for the Communist Party. They told me because of my nationality background, I was to be assigned to become active in language work. My first assignment was in the American Slav Congress."

By report dated November 29, 1948, CVETIC advised that he had lunched with PETE KARPA on that date and that PETE said that he was instructed to select a Party member to help organize the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress...He said because of his Slav name he, MATT, (CVETIC) was selected to organize the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress in conjunction with TONY REHARICH (RIHERICH).

5. Re testimony: Page 16, Paragraph 8.

CVETIC stated: (Re members of the East End Club) "Another member was ESTHER ROTH. She is now employed as JACK STROBEL's secretary at the Western Pennsylvania District of the United Office and Professional Workers of America."

CVETIC has reported ESTHER ROTH as being "at the UOPWA union" but not specifically as being JACK STROBEL's secretary.

6. Page 19, Paragraphs 8-10, Page 20, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. I helped to organize a cell in the Crucible Steel Company, which is located at 30th Street in Pittsburgh.

"Mr. TAVENNER. How many members were recruited into that cell?

"Mr. CVETIC. The top membership at one time was 22 members, approximately."

On August 6, 1947, CVETIC reported that during the course of a meeting with several named Communist Party members at the American Slav Congress headquarters, Pittsburgh, on August 6, 1947, he had learned that fifteen individuals, whom he named, were members of the Crucible Steel Club.

7. Re testimony: Page 31, last paragraph.

CVETIC stated: "...In 1944 the Nationality Commission met prior to and during the American Slav Congress convention in Pittsburgh. It met prior to and during the national convention of the Croatian Fraternal Union in Pittsburgh in 1947. It met when Party line changes such as the Tito-Stalin split occurred, to announce that the Party line to be followed would be as directed by the Cominform."

CVETIC's reports submitted in 1944 described the meetings held prior to and during the second American Slav Congress held at Pittsburgh in that year as being meetings of CPA members within the American Slav Congress, rather than as meetings of the Nationality Commission.

CVETIC submitted no reports in 1947 which indicated that meetings of the national or local Nationality Commission (National Groups Commission) were held during the Croatian Fraternal Union National Convention held at Pittsburgh from September 15, to September 26, 1947. CVETIC did report, however, that STEVE NELSON met with some of the individual delegates to the CFU Convention, which individuals CVETIC has at various times reported as being members of the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party, USA.

8. Re testimony: Page 34, Paragraphs 10-11.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a meeting on June 21, 1947, in room 308 of the Hotel Lincoln in New York City?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I did."

CVETIC's report dated June 22, 1947 set out that the above was a meeting of Yugoslav leaders from the United States, Canada, and the Yugoslav Embassy and that said meeting was held in Room 308 of the

Hotel Lincoln, New York City.

It is noted, however, that CVETIC had previously reported that this meeting was to be a Communist Party Nationality Group Conference.

9. Re testimony: Page 35, Paragraphs 4-6.

"Mr. CVETIC. When I arrived at the Yugoslav Home--

"Mr. TAVENNER. That is located at 405 West 31st Street?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. When I arrived there I was met by PETER YURCEVICH. He told me to keep the FBI off the trail we were all going to this meeting place separately. He escorted me to the Hotel Lincoln and to room 303, where the meeting was held."

CVETIC's report of June 23, 1947 sets this information out as follows:

"...The meeting was originally called for the Yugoslav Club located at 405 West 41st St. in New York City. When those who were to attend the meeting arrived at this address they proceeded to the club, which was located on the third floor. There, instructions were issued by STEVE MILICH that the comrades break up in two's and three's and they would be guided by one of the group to the place of the meeting. This they proceeded to do and their ultimate destination was Room 303 in the Hotel Lincoln."

10. Re testimony: Page 37, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know what position in the Yugoslav Embassy Mr. SLAVKO SOUC held?

"Mr. CVETIC. At the present time it skips me, but I knew at that time. I met with him at various times in the Yugoslav Home and at the Embassy."

CVETIC's report of June 23, 1947 identified SOUC as: "SLAVKO SOUC--Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia."

11. Re testimony: Page 37, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You state there was another person from the Yugoslav Embassy present. Was that PETER DRAGICH?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, he was there."

GVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 identified this individual as PERO or PETRO -- Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia; small mole on right cheek; gold tooth cap in upper right hand jaw; hair-do resembles RAYMOND MASSEY, as do general features; sallow complexion; fairly heavy beard."

Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, June 27, 1947 in the case entitled "YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," suggested that this individual was probably PERO SIMATILA.

12. Re testimony: Page 37, Paragraph 6, to Page 56, Paragraph 6.

(Re GVETIC's description of meeting described above at Hotel Lincoln, New York City, on 6/21/47).

It is noted that the major portion of this testimony follows the tenor and in many instances is taken verbatim from Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, 6/27/47, in the case entitled "YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, INTERNAL SECURITY - R." Although said Pittsburgh letter described the proceedings of the June 21, 1947 meeting as reported by GVETIC, it had been necessary to paraphrase informant's report for clarity with the result that the verbiage used in the Pittsburgh letter was not the same as set out in GVETIC's report.

13. Re testimony: Page 56, Paragraph 7.

GVETIC stated: "...After the meeting Dr. ZONE met with STEVE NELSON and sharply criticized him for not exerting better discipline amongst the members of the Nationality Commission."

This information was not set out in GVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 regarding the June 21, 1947 meeting at the Hotel Lincoln, New York City. However, in a report dated January 2, 1949, GVETIC advised that NELSON had related the above information to him.

14. Re testimony: Page 59, Paragraphs 10-13, Page 60, Paragraphs 1-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. When was the last meeting of the Pittsburgh Nationality Commission that you attended?

"Mr. GVETIC. The latter part of October or first part of November 1949. The Commission has not met since that time, because STEVE NELSON, the chairman of the Pittsburgh Commission, has been laid up with a broken leg.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Where was the last meeting held?

"Mr. GUSSIE. The last meeting I attended was at 1016 East Street, the office of the Communist Language Press. This meeting was called for the purpose of setting up an American Yugoslav Defense Committee of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

"Mr. DAVIS J. Who attended this last meeting in October or November, 1949?

"Mr. GUSSIE. This meeting was attended by STEVE NELSON, the district organizer for the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania; JOHN STEVEN, LEO PARKS, JOHN KOVACICH, CALVIN BROCK, and myself."

On November 29, 1949 GUSSIE submitted his last report to this office with regard to a National Groups Commission meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. This meeting was held at 1016 East St., Pittsburgh, on the afternoon of November 29, 1949. This report did not set out that LEO PARKS and CALVIN BROCK had attended this meeting. However, in addition to [illegible], STEVEN and KOVACICH, the report did set out that the following attended: JOHN GRADISCH, ANDRIJA BANIC, DRAGO KOSICH, BENJAMIN PERIC, GEORGE VUKOVICH and MILO MANDIC. According to said report, the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing a local affair to be held for GEORGE PIRKOVIC, the delegates to be sent to the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born Conference to be held in Detroit, Michigan, on December 3 and 4, 1949, and the delegates to be sent to the American Slav Congress National Committee meeting to be held in Detroit on December 4, 1949. GUSSIE advised, however, that some discussion was had concerning the organization of a Yugoslav Section of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

15. Re testimony: Page 61, Paragraph 7.

"Mr. GUSSIE. During the summer of 1944 the Nationality Commission met regularly in offices of the International Workers Order in the Columbia Bank Building, and also in offices of the Communist Party in the Bakewell Building in Pittsburgh, for the purpose of planning the national convention of the American Slav Congress, which was scheduled to be held in Pittsburgh in September of that year."

Reports submitted by GUSSIE in 1944 reflect that most of those meetings, described as being those of CP% Language Group Committee within the American Slav Congress and CP% leaders active in the American Slav Congress, were held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, 1016 East St., and at IWO District Headquarters in the Columbia Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

16. Re testimony: Page 65, last paragraph.

"Mr. CVETIC. I held a minor position with the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania from 1944 on. However, in 1947 the Nationality Commission directed that I be made the executive secretary..."

Reports submitted by CVETIC in 1946 reflect that he became executive secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania in November, 1946.

17. Re testimony: Page 66, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. I went to the American Slav Congress in 1944 as a delegate from the State, County and Municipality Professional Workers. This is now the UPOWA."

CVETIC's reports reflect he attended the 1944 American Slav Congress as a delegate of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America-CIO.

18. Re testimony: Page 69, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who were the Party members from the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party who carried out the Communist Party dictates with reference to the policies to be adopted by the American Slav Congress?

"Mr. CVETIC. GEORGE PIRINSKY, STEVE KRALL, CHARLES HUSIL, HARRY JUSTIC, LEO ZORICH. These are all Communist Party members, because I have attended Nationality Commission meetings of the Communist Party with them."

CVETIC has reported STEVE KRALL and CHARLES HUSIL (HUSIL) as having attended meetings of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress, but no reports were located reflecting that these individuals attended meetings of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party.

19. Re testimony: Page 70, Paragraph 13, Page 71, Paragraphs 1-2.

"Mr. CVETIC. Three or four years ago I was visiting in New York with GEORGE MORRISON and we met with STEVE NELSON to discuss policy regarding the American Slav Congress. We took a walk with STEVE NELSON, and in the course of the conversation STEVE NELSON told GEORGE MORRISON that he should be a member of the Communist Party, and after a little talk between STEVE and GEORGE and myself, GEORGE MORRISON asked STEVE NELSON how he could join.

"'Well,' STEVE said, 'you should be one of the members at large because

of your importance, and not a card-carrying member.' He said, 'As a matter of fact, even MATT here should not know you are a member of the Party. So from now on you will be a Communist Party member, but keep it to yourself. Only the three of us will know!'"

This information was originally reported by GUSTIC to the New York Office and details of same are fully set out in New York letter to Bureau, 10/16/47, in the case entitled "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY-C."

By report dated October 18, 1947, GUSTIC advised that he had relayed the above information regarding the Communist Party membership of GUSHMIKOH to ROY HUDSON. GUSTIC subsequently orally advised that WUCHINICH was considered a Communist Party member at large.

20. Re testimony: Page 73, Paragraph 2, to Page 74, Paragraph 7.

(Re statement issued by the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania condemning the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which statement was signed by JOSEPH RUDINAC, President, and MATTHEW GUSTIC, Secretary).

GUSTIC stated, "This statement was drafted after a meeting between STEVE NELSON, GEORGE WUCHINICH and myself. The actual statement was drafted by GEORGE WUCHINICH."

The above statement cannot be located in the Pittsburgh files and no report of GUSTIC mentioning same or its drafting can be located.

However, on June 27, 1949, GUSTIC furnished a carbon copy of a news release issued under date of June 26, 1949 by "MATTHEW GUSTIC, Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania" which set out, "The American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania in a statement issued by its Executive Secretary, MATTHEW GUSTIC, wholeheartedly repudiated and denounced the subversive charge leveled at it by the House Un-American Committee, based on its 159 paged trumped up report.

"In issuing the statement, Mr. GUSTIC pointed to the record of the American Slav Congress during the war and to its patriotic program today--of fighting for world peace, jobs, housing and civil and political rights for all the people.

"Mr. GUSTIC said further that if there are any subversive elements in this country, it is those planners of World War III who are hiding their war aims behind a smoke screen of framed up trials, trumped up

investigations and fake charges against all those who are fighting to keep decency and democracy alive in America.

"And condemning the House Un-American Committee for attempting to perpetrate this deception on the American people, Mr. CVETIC called on those Congressmen who are wasting the people's money carrying on these trumped up investigations to get down to business and legislate the housing, civil rights, FEPC and labor program which they were promising when they ran for office in 1948.

"As for the American Peace Congress, said Mr. CVETIC, it will keep up the fight until the goal of world peace, freedom, equality and abundance is secured to all the people."

According to a typed notation appearing on the above carbon copy of said statement, it was "written by M. CVETIC, Executive Secretary, after talk with GERHART EISLER who suggested same."

21. Re testimony: Page 77, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. Tavenner. You mentioned the Croatian Council. Is that the full name of that organization?

"Mr. Cvetic. No. It is the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent."

By report dated June 8, 1949, CVETIC advised that FRANK DORICH had told him the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent had changed its name to "Union of American Croats" (Union of American Croatians); that this change had been made because the National Council had been cited by the Attorney General as being a subversive organization. It is noted that other sources have advised that this organization is no longer known as the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent.

22. Re testimony: Page 83, Paragraph 6.

(Re functions of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born), CVETIC stated: "This Committee, for the most part, carried on legal defense for Communist Party members who were arrested for deportation. When I say for Communist Party members, at a meeting ABNER GREEN once told me that 66 of the 67 persons arrested for deportation up to that time were Communist Party members. He told me that in a little coffee clutch. And the other person, whom they

did not defend, had some reason other than political why he was being deported, and the Committee did not interest themselves in his welfare."

By report dated December 13, 1948, GVETIC advised that the 15th Anniversary National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born had been held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, Ill., on December 11, 12, 1948. Among other things, he reported:

"There was no longer any effort to deny that the deportees were Communists. The speakers, and several of them repeated this, that of the 66 deportees, 65 are members of the Communist Party, one a member of the CPA. The 67th one, JOE [illegible], is a member of the Communist Party."

In the above report, GVETIC did not mention a person whom the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born was not defending.

23. Re testimony: Page 84, Paragraph 4.

"Mr. GVETIC. Recently we have set up an American Yugoslav Defense Committee. This is a subcommittee of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. I was made chairman of this new committee, MARY DORICH was made secretary, and MATT [illegible] was made treasurer."

By report dated December 10, 1949 GVETIC advised the official name of the above organization was adopted at a meeting held on that date as "American Yugoslav Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born."

24. Re testimony: Page 84, Paragraph 8.

(Re financial status of American Yugoslav Defense Committee.)

GVETIC stated: "...We raised about $250 up until the day I left Pittsburgh."

By report dated January 4, 1950, GVETIC advised that the American Yugoslav Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born had received approximately $318; that expenditures had reduced this amount to $235.

25. Re testimony: Page 98, Paragraphs 6-7.

"Mr. CLEVELAND. What is the approximate membership of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, if you know?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I know. At the last report given by the district secretary of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, his figure--and these are his figures--were approximately 550 members."

CVETIC advised in a report dated April 30, 1949 that BILL ALBERTSON had stated at a district committee meeting that as of that date there were 569 registered members of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

An anonymous source advised on February 5, 1950 that as of January 13, 1950 there were 464 registered members in the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

26. Re testimony: Page 99, Paragraphs 9-10.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You stated you turned your records over to the FBI?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes."

In the event CVETIC is referring to his own membership cards for 1947 and 1948 his statement is correct since these cards are on file in this office. In the event he is referring to Communist Party records of the Lawrenceville Club, he has reported that he did not have access to such records and that same were kept by LOUIS FLEETICH, Lawrenceville Club secretary.

27. Re testimony: Page 102, Paragraph 5.

CVETIC stated: "...I mentioned before that at every functionary or district committee meeting in 1948 the Progressive Party was discussed..."

Although CVETIC has reported that the Progressive Party was discussed at many Communist Party meetings in 1948, his reports do not indicate that it was discussed at every such meeting. His testimony in this regard is exaggerated since CVETIC did not attend all functionary and district committee meetings in 1948.

28. Re testimony: Page 110, Paragraph 2.

"Mr. CVETIC. The National Board of the Communist Party, at its 1946 convention, established Western Pennsylvania as a steel concentration area."

GUSTIC did not get this information out in his report dated July 31, 1945, which described the proceedings of the 1945 Communist Party, USA Convention. He has furnished subsequent information and exhibits, however, which do indicate that the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania was to concentrate in basic industries--steel, electrical and coal.

29. Re testimony: Page 112, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. GUSTIC. In August 1948 the district office of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, through its organiser ROY HUDSON, called a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party. This meeting, which I attended as a leading functionary of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, was held in the lecture room of the North Side Carnegie Library. It was attended by approximately 110 members of the Communist Party who were either elected members of the District Committee or leading Party functionaries. Functionaries could be members of the Nationality Commission, members of the Steel Commission, or any one of the Commissions that functioned."

By report dated July 11, 1948, GUSTIC advised the above was a District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania held on the evening of July 9, 1948 and on July 10, 11, 1948, at the Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. GUSTIC reported that there were 106 official delegates and 20 visitors attending the three-day sessions.

30. Re testimony: Page 114, last paragraph, Page 115, first paragraph.

GUSTIC stated: "...At this meeting JIM DOLSEN, who is the Daily Worker representative and correspondent in Western Pennsylvania, stated to me--and he stated it to me personally; he is one of the leaders of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania and a long-time member: 'I don't see how we can have a successful revolution in this country without getting control of the basic industries.'"

In his report of July 11, 1948, GUSTIC described this incident as follows:

"In discussion, JIM DOLSEN said he can't see how the monopolies can be taken over without a revolution." This was reported at Paragraph 1, Page 33, of the report of SA J. EDWARD CONWAY, Pittsburgh, 4/13/49, (Buffile 100-24861) entitled "JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, wa., IS-C."

31. Re testimony: Page 117, Paragraph 3.

GUSTIC stated: "...Last year in New York City, while I was having dinner with HYMAN COHEN[redacted], GEORGE MORRISON, and MILO RADULA,

HYMAN SCHLESSINGER made the following statement: "While we have a strong Communist Party in New York City, I don't see how we can wage a successful revolution unless we build the Party in Pittsburgh. It stands to reason that we must get control of the basic industries and the industrial workers before we can even think of a revolution."

By report dated July 18, 1949, OVETIC set out that while in New York attending the Bill of Rights Conference held on July 16, 17, 1949, he had had dinner with GEORGE WOSNICH, MIKE MANOS, and HYMAN SCHLESSINGER. During the dinner, SCHLESSINGER was reported by OVETIC to have stated, "The revolution, when it comes, will start in Pittsburgh or Detroit--not in New York, despite the fact that we have a large Communist Party here. These retail store strikes here in New York are not important and will not decide anything. Pittsburgh and Detroit have the basic industries. We must get control of these basic industries. Mining and steel are important and coal is the most important. We will have to get a strong Communist Party in basic industries before we can organize the revolution here in this country."

38. Re testimony: Page 121, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. WALTER. What kind of work does GEORGE WOSNICH do?

"Mr. OVETIC. He is head of Dobrovolni Odbor in New York City."

OVETIC reported on December 13, 1949 that GEORGE WOSNICH expected to go to work for Dobrovolni Odbor about January 1, 1950.

On January 16, 1950 OVETIC reported WOSNICH was residing in New York City.

39. Re testimony: Page 169, Paragraphs 6-7.

OVETIC stated: "...The Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania has a Communist cell working in the major hotels in Pittsburgh, and this cell is also responsible for Communist Party infiltration in the Heinz plant located in North Side Pittsburgh.

"I have knowledge of this, since I was a member of the North Side Section Committee, and the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' cell of the Communist Party is also a part of the North Side section, and I attended many meetings with the organizers from this cell."

OVETIC has reported that Communist Party members in Local 237 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Alliance, AFL, comprise the "Food Branch" or "Food Club" of the North Side Section. He has never

referred to this club as "a cell." On April 14, 1949, CV-TIC reported, "...There are a total of 9 members in the Food Club of the Communist Party. This does not include HEINZ's." CVETIC and [redacted] have reported that Communist Party members at the H. J. HEINZ plant in Pittsburgh are members of the "North Side Club" of the North Side Section. b7D

34. Re testimony: Page 129, last paragraph, Page 130, Paragraphs 4, 5 and 8.

(Re main organizers of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell in Pittsburgh). CVETIC stated: "...EDDIE LANG, who works at the Heinz Plant; HARP GOLDEN, who also works at the Heinz Plant...In the past six months, JOE HANKIN has been the key organizer for the Communist Party activities in this cell, and has been instrumental in carrying out most of the agitation work now being conducted at the Heinz Plant and in the hotels, in Pittsburgh."

It is noted that CVETIC and PI-26 have reported that EDDIE LANG and HARP GOLDEN are members of the North Side Club, not the Food Club or the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell. No reports submitted by CVETIC or any other informant have been located which set out that JOE HANKIN carries on agitational work at the Heinz Plant. HANKIN's work appears to be confined to the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Alliance, Local 237, of the AFL.

35. Re testimony: Page 134, Paragraphs 8-9 and Page 135, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CAVENDER. What is the approximate membership of the Youth League as of this time?

"Mr. CVETIC. The meeting which I attended at the Fort Pitt Hotel was attended by approximately forty youths. I would place the approximate membership at not more than sixty."

CVETIC's reports of June 17 and 18, 1949 re the founding conference of the Labor Youth League held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on June 17, 1949, set out that said conference was attended by approximately 30 people.

CVETIC has not reported on the approximate membership of the Labor Youth League at the present time, but in the above report set out that the Labor Youth League hoped to recruit 130 members by January 1, 1950.

36. Re testimony: Page 135, Paragraph 4 to Page 136, Paragraph 5.

(Testimony re the sectional breakdown of the Communist Party of

Western Pennsylvania.)

From time to time, GUSTIC has submitted incomplete information regarding such a breakdown, and it is noted that his testimony in this instance is incomplete and confused. No reports have been located in which GUSTIC has attempted to set down a specific sectional breakdown in Western Pennsylvania.

PI-36 and the Daily Worker of February 13, 1950, Page 9, Columns 2-5, reported that at the present time there are nine sections (Hill, North Side, East Pittsburgh, Monongahela, Allegheny Valley, Washington County, Cambria County, 28th Congressional District and Beaver County) included in the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

37. Re testimony: Page 128, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. [redacted]. Can you give the committee the approximate total membership of these sections that you have just enumerated?

"Mr. GUSTIC. The only section that I can give you a figure for is the North Side Section, of which I am a member, and this section had 90 members. I think we are going to lose a few members; perhaps one that I know of."

On November 23, 1948, GUSTIC reported the North Side Section membership as 99. No reports have been located in which he stated the North Side Section had 90 members.

On February 5, 1950, an anonymous source advised that as of January 13, 1950 the North Side Section had 52 registered members.

38. Re testimony: Page 141, Paragraph 2.

GUSTIC stated: "...After STEVE NELSON was assigned to Western Pennsylvania as its district organizer in August of 1948, up until November 1949 when he became incapacitated due to a broken leg which he suffered while he was out hunting, I met regularly with STEVE NELSON to discuss policy for the American Slav Congress and other front organizations in which I was active and which I have identified before."

As set out in GUSTIC's report of July 11, 1948, STEVE NELSON was elected as District Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania at the District Convention held on July 9, 10, and 11, 1948 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

39. Re testimony: Page 145, Paragraph 4.

GVETIC stated: "On another occasion, before a meeting which was held at the Unitarian Center in North Side, when the Communist victory in China was becoming apparent early last year, STEVE NELSON said to me: 'We are going to have the biggest liquidation of people's enemies in China since the 1917 revolution.'"

In a report dated December 21, 1948 GVETIC advised that during the course of a meeting of leaders of the North Side Section held on December 21, 1948 at the Unitarian House, Reaca Place, "STEVE NELSON said that in spite of the fact that American imperialism has been spending over three million dollars a day in China, it has suffered defeat. Within a year there will be one of the biggest liquidations of people's enemies in China, comparable only to the Russian Revolution of 1917."

40. Re testimony: Page 148, Paragraphs 2-5.

"Mr. WALTER. Who in the Party has the function of educating the rank and file members regarding the teachings of Communism?

"Mr. GVETIC. On that I can go back to 1945. At that time I was a member of the Organizational and Educational Committee of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. I can give you the members I sat with on this Committee."

When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY in May, 1949, GVETIC stated he became a member of the Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in 1946.

In a report dated February 2, 1946, GVETIC set out that the organization of the Org-Ed Committee included him as a member.

41. Re testimony: Page 170, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. GVETIC. The American Slav Congress program went off the air at the request of BILL MATTA over six months ago. As to the others, some have cut down their time and we understand some have ceased broadcasting altogether."

GVETIC's reports in 1949 indicate that the American Slav Congress programs broadcast over Station WLOK were discontinued on April 17, 1949 because of lack of finances.

42. Re testimony: Page 58, Paragraphs 1-3.

"Mr. GUSTIC. There was a serious rift among Americans of Yugoslav descent within the Communist Party. This breach has become so serious that the Communist Party has required its leaders to speak out violently against TITO.

"These words were spoken by STEVE NELSON at a meeting I attended recently in Pittsburgh, called specifically for the purpose of cementing the break within the Communist Party on this issue. 'We must fight against Titoism wherever it rears its ugly head.'

"He elaborated by saying anyone who does not follow the Cominform line will be expelled from the Party."

GUSTIC's report of September 26, 1949 set out that during a district conference held on September 25, 1949 STEVE NELSON, in reporting on a recent plenum of the Communist Party stated that "We must take a new approach to Titoism...Tito agents must be exposed wherever and whenever they are found. If any Tito agents come to your house, they are to be shown the door." No reports of GUSTIC can be located which contain the specific statement of NELSON as testified by GUSTIC.

III. Is OVETIC's testimony before the Committee substantially accurate in light of information available to your office from other sources on such matters?

Yes, with the following exceptions.

1. Re testimony: Page 9, Paragraphs 9-10.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who was DOLLY GAINOR, referred to by you as one of the members of the Professional Branch?

"Mr. OVETIC. DOLLY GAINOR at that time was a member of the City Committee of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. She is now living in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and is married to PETE KAPPA. PETE KAPPA was secretary of the City Committee when I joined the Party."

Extensive investigation conducted by this office has failed to indicate that DOLLY GAINOR and PETE KAPPA are married.

2. Re testimony: Page 16, last line.

(Re testimony with reference to East End Club members) OVETIC stated: "...RUTH GOLDMAN was a member..."

The files of this office indicate that OVETIC has confused RUTH GOLDMAN with HELEN GARFINKEL GOLDMAN in this instance. PB-IP, C-1001, and an anonymous source have reported HELEN GARFINKEL GOLDMAN as a member of the East End Club in 1945 and 1946. On February 4, 1949, OVETIC orally advised GOLDMAN was an executive of the Squirrel Hill Club. On April 7, 1949, OVETIC reported a RUTH GOLDMAN as having attended a meeting of Communist Party functionaries at 440 Wood Street, but subsequently orally advised she was the individual he had formerly reported as a member of the East End Club.

3. Re testimony: Page 32, Paragraph 1.

(With reference to SLOVENSKA NARODNA PODPORNA JEDNOTA)

"Mr. OVETIC. In English it means the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Society."

Chicago, office of origin in case entitled "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY; INTERNAL SECURITY-C," carries the official name of the organization as "Slovene National Benefit Society."

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 17, 1950

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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PURPOSE

To advise that an analysis and review of Cvetic's testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee on February 21-23, 1950 by the Pittsburgh Office revealed that Cvetic had furnished Pittsburgh substantially all of the information he testified to before the Committee; Cvetic's testimony before the Committee was practically the same as the information he furnished Pittsburgh; and his testimony was generally accurate in light of information available to Pittsburgh from other sources on such matters.

BACKGROUND

A photostatic copy of Cvetic's testimony was furnished to Pittsburgh for review and analysis to determine the above facts.

DETAILS

Pittsburgh by memorandum dated March 13, 1950 submitted the results of their review and analysis of Cvetic's testimony. Pittsburgh set forth specifically each item of Cvetic's testimony which had not previously been furnished by him to Pittsburgh and listed those items in Cvetic's testimony which appeared to be in variance with information previously furnished by him or contrary to information concerning such items received from other available reliable sources. The memorandum from Pittsburgh is attached.

In substance, Pittsburgh's analysis revealed that Cvetic had previously furnished to Pittsburgh substantially all of the information he testified to before the Committee; his testimony was practically the same as the information he furnished Pittsburgh; and his testimony was generally accurate in light of information available to Pittsburgh from other reliable sources on such matters.

The majority of the information that Cvetic testified to before the Committee which Pittsburgh was unable to determine had previously been furnished by him might generally be characterized as the result of Cvetic's attempt to overemphasize his importance and dramatize his testimony. Also, the fact that Cvetic testified from recollection of many incidents happening seven or eight years ago necessarily accounts for some of the minor inaccuracies in his testimony.

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One particular incident in Cvetic's testimony, however, should be noted. Cvetic was asked by the Committee if there had been any occasion when he was requested to obtain information from Government agency sources for use by the Communist Party. Cvetic answered that he could recollect at least one occasion when Roy Hudson, who was then District Organizer for the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, asked him to secure from the files of the United States Employment Service information relative to the number of employees working in industry in Western Pennsylvania. Cvetic testified that he contacted the FBI office in Pittsburgh and told of the request from Hudson. Upon being advised by the FBI to go ahead and see what information could be obtained, Cvetic got information from the United States Employment Service's files. Thereafter, he checked with the FBI Agent with whom he was working and some of the figures were manipulated before being turned over to Hudson. Cvetic told the Committee that he filed a report on the incident with the FBI and cleared with the FBI before giving the information to Hudson. This activity was said to have taken place during the latter part of 1945 or the first part of 1946. Pittsburgh could locate no report from Cvetic or any other record of this incident. Cvetic's verbatim testimony in this regard is set forth under Item 31, commencing on page 14, of the attached memorandum from Pittsburgh.

A photostatic copy of Cvetic's entire testimony is being retained in the Bureau's files.

ACTION

None. For your information.

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TESTIMONY OF MATTHEW CVETIC BEFORE

HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 21-23, 1950

I. Has CVETIC previously furnished your office all of the information he testified to before the Committee?

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No. The following discrepancies were noted.

1. Re testimony: Page 9, Paragraphs 5-8.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who was LEE KOGAN?

"Mr. CVETIC. He was the Professional Branch organizer in Pittsburgh and also an organizer for the United Electrical Workers in Pittsburgh. He has since left Pittsburgh.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You state he was an organizer for the UE?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes."

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he identified LEE KOGAN as an organizer for the United Electrical Workers in Pittsburgh.

The report of SA ALPHONSE F. CALABRESE, Pittsburgh, 8/25/43, Pages 8 and 9, and the report of SA ROBERT E. KEHRES, Pittsburgh, 12/9/44, Page 1, Paragraph 2, and Page 2, Paragraph 1, in the case entitled "LEON DAVID KOGAN, wa.; INTERNAL SECURITY-C," reflect that KOGAN, while employed at the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Co., was affiliated with Local 615 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America-CIO and was an active member. These reports, however, do not indicate that KOGAN was an organizer for that union.

2. Re testimony: Page 13, Paragraph 13, to Page 14, Paragraph 5.

"Mr. CVETIC. I was also secretary of the Slovene Commission of the Communist Party, USA. Originally when I got into the Slovene Commission I was elected chairman.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Are you speaking there of the area of Pittsburgh?

"Mr. CVETIC. I am speaking on the national level.

"Mr. TAVENNER. The Commission on the national level?

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"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. I was first the chairman on the national level and later was made secretary on the National level of this Commission."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he advised that he was secretary of the Slovene Commission of the Communist Party, USA.

It is noted that when interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY on May 6, 7 and 9, 1949, CVETIC stated that he had been chairman of the Slovene Bureau of the Nationality Commission from 1946 to that date.

CVETIC's last report to this office with regard to the Slovene Bureau was dated May 23, 1949, in which he furnished details of a Slovene Bureau meeting held at Cleveland, Ohio on May 22, 1949. In this report CVETIC listed himself as "Chairman of Slovene Bureau, Communist Party, USA."

3. Re testimony: Page 15, Paragraph 10.

(While testifying with regard to members of the North Side Club, CVETIC stated:)

"Another was MARK LOVETT, but I understand he has since been expelled from the Party. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the North Side Club."

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No reports by CVETIC could be located which reported LOVETT's having been expelled from the Communist Party. It is noted that Pittsburgh CNDI's [redacted] and [redacted] have reported that MARK LOVETT was expelled from the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

4. Re testimony: Page 23, Paragraph 10, to Page 24, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Will you outline to the committee the procedure that was followed in calling this meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, at which you were elected to the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. I met with AVROM LANDY in Pittsburgh. He is also known as AL LANDY.

"Mr. MOULDER. Can you fix the date?

"Mr. CVETIC. I can't fix a date on this. I can only fix an approximate time. It was sometime in 1945. When I met with him he asked me to call together the leading members of the Communist Party in the Slovene Group. He told me I could get the names of the leading members from GEORGE WITKOVICH. I met with WITKOVICH, and he supplied me with the names of

the key members in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York, and Pittsburgh."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located reflecting his meeting with LANDY at Pittsburgh in 1945 to call a meeting of the Slovene Communist Party Group.

5. Re testimony: Page 33, Paragraph 3, to Page 34, Paragraph 4.

CVETIC stated: "Among the members nationally of the Nationality Commission with whom I have met are the following: ...ISRAEL AMTER, now deceased. He was a member of the International Workers Order... BOLESLAW GEBERT, organizer, Polish Section, who fled to Poland on the Gydnia-American Line ship, the Batory...ZARKO BUNCICH, attorney, Akron, Ohio."

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he reported ISRAEL AMTER as deceased, nor BOLESLAW GEBERT as having fled to Poland on the Batory. CVETIC has reported that ZARKO BUNCICH had attended meetings of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress and that BUNCICH was a member of the Communist Party. No reports can be located, however, in which CVETIC reported BUNCICH as having attended a meeting of the Nationality Commission (Nationality Groups Commission) of the Communist Party, USA.

6. Re testimony: Page 62, Paragraphs 5 and 6, and Page 63, Paragraphs 1-3.

"Mr. CVETIC. This meeting was held prior to the meeting I just reported in my testimony here, and that was in 1944 also. I met with the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio. This meeting in Cleveland was held in the form of a caucus, or I should say several caucuses, during a meeting of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress, in the hotel where this meeting was being held.

"There were several caucuses held by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party during this Committee meeting, and these were led by AVROM LANDY and attended by the following Communist Party members: GEORGE PIRINSKY, LEO BACICH, HARRY JUSTIZ, DANIEL KASUSTCHIK, VICTOR SHARENKOFF, MIKE HANUSIAK, myself and several others.

"Mr. TAVENNER. What other meetings of the national Nationality Commission did you attend, other than those you have referred to?

"Mr. CVETIC. I would like to add to my testimony on this Cleveland meeting that AVROM LANDY called these caucuses, and I acted as messenger for AVROM LANDY to tell the other members that this meeting would be held."

No reports submitted by CVETIC reporting this information can be located.

7. Re testimony: Page 67, Paragraphs 2-4.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You stated you were a member of the State, County and Municipality Professional Workers?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes.

"Mr. TAVENNER. When did you become a member of that union?

"Mr. CVETIC. Sometime in September 1941."

No report of CVETIC's can be located reflecting that he became a member of the State, County and Municipality Professional Workers (State, County and Municipal Workers of America - CIO) in September, 1941.

8. Re testimony: Page 71, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "Since that time, GEORGE WUCHINICH has become a member of the McKeesport Branch in Western Pennsylvania."

No reports submitted by CVETIC reporting WUCHINICH as a member of the McKeesport Branch in Western Pennsylvania can be located.

It is noted that on February 12, 1949 CVETIC reported that GEORGE WUCHINICH had stated his future Party assignment would be Communist Party organizational work in the McKees Rocks area.

By report dated January 19, 1950, CVETIC advised that JOHN VIDMAR had stated he had "already registered...GEORGE (probably WUCHINICH) in McKees Rocks."

9. Re testimony: Page 72, Paragraphs 1 and 2.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Did he (GEORGE WUCHINICH) later succeed you as executive secretary of the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. The way this came about, ROY HUDSON, who was the district organizer for the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, asked me to meet with him and GEORGE WUCHINICH at the YMCA in Pittsburgh. We had lunch there. At that time ROY HUDSON asked if I would be willing to withdraw as executive secretary so GEORGE WUCHINICH could succeed me. ROY said: 'Since GEORGE WUCHINICH is a veteran, he would not be subject to attack.' So I agreed to step aside."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets this information out in this specific manner.

CVETIC's report dated May 27, 1947 set out that there had been much discussion between CVETIC, GEORGE WUCHINICH, ROY HUDSON and DAVE GRANT as to where WUCHINICH and CVETIC should work; that HUDSON desired WUCHINICH to remain in Pittsburgh, rather than go to New York. This report concluded: "All seem to agree...so they are going to try to get WUCHINICH to go on full time for the Congress."

10. Re testimony: Page 78, Paragraphs 4-7.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give us some idea of the financial assistance the Labor Press Committee gave the Daily Worker or Sunday Worker through the activity of that Committee?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. We were instrumental several times in raising $8,000 or $10,000 in Western Pennsylvania for the Daily and Sunday Worker through raffles and picnics and so forth. We set up this Committee in the Communist Party office, with Communist Party members as members of the Committee.

"Mr. TAVENNER. This $8,000 or $10,000 you raised was raised over what period of time?

"Mr. CVETIC. A one-year period. One year we raised around $8,000 or $10,000. Another year we raised around $7,000. Last year we raised $3,000 or $4,000. I would say in about five years we raised between $25,000 and $30,000 through this Committee."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he specifically reported this information. According to a report submitted on August 29, 1949, CVETIC advised that the picnic held in 1949 was known as the "All Nations Picnic," rather than as a picnic held under the auspices of the "Labor Press Committee."

With regard to moneys raised by the Labor Press Committee, CVETIC furnished a mimeographed sheet on September 27, 1948 which reflected that the Labor Press Committee Picnic in that year had raised $5,370.

On September 11, 1947, CVETIC furnished information to the effect that the 1947 picnic had raised $7,073.55. On July 21, 1946 CVETIC reported the picnic held in that year had grossed over $6,900.

11. Re testimony: Page 79, Paragraphs 3-4.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give us the names of other known Communist Party members who have served on the Labor Press Committee, to your know ledge?

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"Mr. CVETIC. MIKE HANUSIAK; BEN CAREATHERS; PAT CUSH; TOM FITZPATRICK."

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located which set out that TOM FITZPATRICK served on the Labor Press Committee.

12. Re testimony: Page 96, Paragraphs 4-8.

"Mr. CVETIC. The first knowledge I had that we were going to try to organize a new party in the United States was back in 1946, the fall or winter of 1946. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER came to Pittsburgh and addressed a mass meeting called by the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

"At this time the United States was demobilized after the war, and the two highlights of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's speech were, he started attacking the war-makers in the United States, and made statements to the effect, 'they will never beat down the Soviet Union and so on so they might as well forget about it.'

"Mr. WALTER. Will you fix the date?

"Mr. CVETIC. In the fall or winter of 1946. It was the year before we organized the Presidential campaigns for 1948. It could have been in November or December.

"The second high point of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's speech was, he stressed the importance of building a new people's party in the United States, and said that the Communist Party should work with an aim to becoming a part of this new people's party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information.

In reports dated November 26, 1945 and March 10, 1946, CVETIC reported on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER mass meetings held by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in the Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, on November 25, 1945 and the Henry Clay Frick School, Pittsburgh, on March 10, 1946, respectively. According to these reports, FOSTER denounced the United States at both meetings. CVETIC reported that at the March 10, 1946 meeting, FOSTER stated that Russia had never been conquered and could not be defeated. Neither of these reports set out that FOSTER stressed the importance of building a new people's party in the United States. The report of March 10, 1946 set out that FOSTER made an appeal for Communist Party recruits.

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13. Re testimony: Page 97, last paragraph, to Page 98, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. At meetings of the District Committee of the Communist Party, the Progressive Party, once it was organized, was always on

the agenda, and blanket instructions were issued to all Communist Party members to join the Progressive Party. Then when the Progressive Party was organized, the line was at that time and is still at the present time, that the Progressive Party is one of our big concentration points.

"Take, for example, in Western Pennsylvania today, at the most recent functionary meeting of the Communist Party instructions were issued to everybody to register as members of the Progressive Party. I don't know how successful they have been. I know I didn't take time to register, but I know some Communist Party members did register as a result of those instructions.

"Mr. WALTER. Would you say the Communists in the area with which you are acquainted are all members of the Progressive Party?

"Mr. CVETIC. We only started registering this year because we were not a party on the ballot before, but I would say yes, they are all members of the Progressive Party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information. CVETIC's most recent report with regard to a meeting of district functionaries of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania was submitted on January 14, 1950 and concerned a meeting held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on January 14, 1950. This report did not contain any mention of the Progressive Party.

It is noted, however, that CVETIC has submitted reports in which he has set out that Communist Party members were requested to register as Progressive Party members.

14. Re testimony: Page 98, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know the approximate membership of the Progressive Party in Western Pennsylvania?

"Mr. CVETIC. At the last election we voted four thousand votes. I would say that this would represent about the Progressive Party strength in Western Pennsylvania."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which reports this information. It is noted that this information has been available in local newspapers.

According to CNDI PI-27, the Progressive Party polled 3,256 votes for ALEX WRIGHT, Progressive Party candidate for City Council at the November, 1949 elections.

15. Re testimony: Page 112, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. KEARNEY. Did the authorities know it would be a Communist Party meeting?

"Mr. CVETIC. I would say yes, because objections were raised at various times with Mr. DIEBEL, who is in charge of the library, objections raised by patriotic Americans, but he said as long as he was there if they wanted to use it for meetings they could do so."

No reports submitted by CVETIC can be located setting out this information. It is noted that the individual referred to by CVETIC in Paragraph 5 is GEORGE SEIBEL, manager of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny.

16. Re testimony: Page 116, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "The report I heard made by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, district secretary of the Communist Party, was that in the eighteen months since STEVE NELSON and ANDY ONDA came to Pittsburgh, not more than 25 people were recruited into the Communist Party in this strategic steel area. The best I have been able to ascertain, they have suffered some loss in that area. We had about 800 members in 1948, and now we have only 550 members in Western Pennsylvania."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information.

PI-14 reported on December 11, 1948 that as of November 1, 1948 the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania had approximately 762 registered members in 1948.

17. Re testimony: Page 118, Paragraphs 9-10.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who helped you in this organizational work at Crucible Steel Company?

"Mr. CVETIC. DAVE GRANT, who was the city secretary of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh; ELEANOR SACKTER; and MIKE SAUNDERS. MIKE SAUNDERS has since been transferred to New York City."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which described MIKE SAUNDERS as having done Communist Party organizational work at the Crucible Steel Company in Pittsburgh.

FB-1P reported on January 25, 1946 that MIKE SAUNDERS' principal activity in Communist Party steel organizational work was at the Pressed Steel Car Company, McKees Rocks, Pa.

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18. Re testimony: Page 119, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who were those that were exposed as Communist Party members and expelled from the union?

"Mr. CVETIC. One was ZYGMUND PASCOWSKI. Another was JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON. Another one who was elected an officer, whether he was ousted or not I don't know, was MIKE FILEWICH."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which reports that MIKE FILEWICH was an officer in the Crucible Steel Local of the United Steelworkers-CIO.

19. Re testimony: Page 119, last paragraph, and Page 120, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you identify any of the present members there? (at Crucible Steel Co.)

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I can. While I haven't had contact with this cell over the past two years, I have seen at Communist Party meetings MIKE FILEWICH and JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON, even though I understand that for some reason which was not apparent to me SONNY ROBINSON was censored by the District Committee of the Communist Party, and he may even have been expelled since my contacts with him."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he advised that JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON was censored or expelled from the Communist Party.

CVETIC reported on January 14, 1950 that ROBINSON had attended a meeting of District functionaries and members held on that date at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh. In view of this report, it should have been apparent to CVETIC that ROBINSON had not been expelled.

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PI-26 has advised that JOSEPH "SONNY" ROBINSON is presently a member of the Food Branch of the Communist Party. [redacted] and [redacted] have reported that during the spring of 1949, ROBINSON was caught stealing or gambling at the Crucible Steel Co. and was discharged. [redacted] reported on April 15, 1949 that ROBINSON was to be transferred from the Steel Club.

20. Re testimony: Page 120, Paragraphs 2-4.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you identify for the committee other members of the Communist Party who are currently active or have been active in the steel industry for the benefit of the Communist Party?

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"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I can add some names to the organizers I have already mentioned.

"At the J. & L. Plant, South Side, ALEX STABOR was one of the Communist Party organizers, although I believe that recently he has been transferred to the UE cell of the Communist Party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out that ALEX STABER was recently transferred to the UE cell of the Communist Party.

As set out in the report of SA JOE M. PEARSON, Pittsburgh, 1/27/50, in the case entitled "ALEXANDER STABER, wa., SECURITY MATTER - C," (Bufile 100-124110) STABER was employed by the Home Radio Division, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Sunbury, Pa. on September 7, 1949. W. H. EUTZY of same company advised on February 2, 1950 that STABER returned to Pittsburgh in December, 1949, and that mail was to be sent him in care of the UERMWA, East Pittsburgh. No information has been received from any source that STABER has been transferred to the UE cell of the Communist Party.

21. Re testimony: Page 123, Paragraphs 5-6.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know STEVE ROSNER, who was the international representative of UE in Pittsburgh, and if so, was he a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I know STEVE ROSNER very well, and I have attended District Committee meetings of the Communist Party with STEVE ROSNER. He is a member of the Communist Party."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located in which he specifically stated that ROSNER had been observed by him at a District Committee meeting. CVETIC has reported ROSNER as being present at meetings of Communist Party leaders, but has never designated such meetings as District Committee meetings.

C-115 reported that ROSNER attended but one District Committee meeting and that as of March 8, 1947 he was a member of the District Buro.

22. Re testimony: Page 123, last paragraph, Page 124, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. In the Communist movement in Western Pennsylvania, TOM FITZPATRICK was always looked upon as the leading member. At District Committee meetings of the Communist Party, TOM FITZPATRICK, at least up until recently, usually made the report on what was being accomplished at the Westinghouse Plant in East Pittsburgh. On many occasions, TOM QUINN accompanied TOM FITZPATRICK at these meetings."

No report submitted by CVETIC or any other source of this office can be located which sets out that THOMAS QUINN attended a District Committee meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

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23. Re testimony: Page 128, Paragraphs 8-11.

"Mr. CVETIC. Most of the Communist Party activities in mining are centered in Washington County, Allegheny Valley, and around the Johnstown area. Some of the other organizers in this area are: MIKE STANOVICH, for Allegheny Valley. STEVE PAICH, for Washington County. STEVE STRAKA, also for Washington County."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out that STEVE STRAKA is an organizer in the coal mining areas. CVETIC, however, has reported STRAKA in attendance at District Committee meetings and District Conventions of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

24. Re testimony: Page 145, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. Well, I can quote STEVE NELSON on the atom bomb, but in so far as the atom bomb secret, I always thought it was the better part of discretion not to ask any questions concerning espionage of the atom bomb. However, when President Truman announced that Russia had the atom bomb, I rode home with STEVE NELSON after a meeting and he made the following statement to me, and I am quoting here STEVE NELSON; he said: 'We have the atom bomb now and the enemy won't be in such a God damned hurry to start a war.' When he said the 'enemy' he was referring to the United States Government."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets forth this information.

25. Re testimony: Page 145, Paragraph 5, Page 146, Paragraphs 1-6.

CVETIC stated: "And still on another occasion, in referring to help for China--and here I am talking about help from the United States, we were discussing help for the new people's government in China--STEVE NELSON made the following statement to me: 'We should take all the help in money, machinery and material from the enemy'--and here again 'enemy' refers to the United States--'as this will hasten the day here.' When he refers to help he is talking about help for the new people's government in China.

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"He further said: 'We should take all the help we can from the suckers over here.'

"Mr. CASE. What was the date of that statement?

"Mr. CVETIC. The date and the statement are in the files of the FBI. I did not keep copies of my reports to the FBI, but I did keep notations. This was when the victory in China was becoming apparent, and they started to build a drive here to get help from the United States for machinery and material.

"Mr. CASE. In other words, it was within the past year?

"Mr. CVETIC. It was within the past year. His statement is in my reports in the FBI files."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information.

It is to be noted that this office has never had any indication that CVETIC kept notations concerning his activities within the Communist Party as mentioned by him in Paragraph 4, Page 146.

26. Re testimony: Page 153, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. CASE. This quotation, is that taken from an official document?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. It is taken from the Party line. I turned over the official report to the FBI."

CVETIC's report of July 31, 1945, which set out his observations of the 1945 Communist Party Convention held in New York City, contained no reference to the above "official document." It is noted that this document, or report, is not sufficiently identified to enable this office to make any comment concerning same.

27. Re testimony: Page 169, last paragraph, to Page 170, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Are all these programs handled in the same manner as were the programs of the American Slav Congress?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. The line taken into these programs was always discussed by the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party or by the Communists at the Language Press and then carried into the program."

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No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information as applying to all of the radio programs mentioned on Page 169.

28. Re testimony: Page 171, Paragraphs 2-3.

CVETIC stated: "In earlier testimony I stated that while the Communist Party is working in the coal fields, they haven't made any progress with the United Mine Workers. Take, for example, in the present strike, I met with BILL GORDON, a Communist Party organizer, a week ago last Saturday, and he said the Communist Party has brought fifty youth leaders from New York to work in the coal fields, and they are going out there with the Sunday and Daily Worker, and they are collecting food.

"BILL GORDON said: 'You give the coal miner a can of food. Then when you offer him a Daily or Sunday Worker, how can he turn it down?' So they use food as bait."

No report of CVETIC's can be located which sets out this information.

It is to be noted that this information may have been received by CVETIC after his discontinuance by this office.

29. Re testimony: Page 174, Paragraph 5, to Page 175, Paragraph 8.

"Mr. KEARNEY. You have testified to methods by which the Communist Party disseminates the Party line among the rank and file. Will you tell the committee who determines the so-called twists and turns of this line, and where it originates?

"Mr. CVETIC. I have previously testified that in Party meetings we never talk about Communism just in one word. We always refer to international communism. In other words, when we have these educational classes and have discussions, we never talk about Communism. We talk about international Communism. In other words, the struggle is for international Communism, to Communize the world.

"In addition to these theoretical books of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and so on, we are furnished with the Sunday and Daily Worker, which is available to us, and which is the official organ of the Communist Party here. And for the advanced and functionary members of the Communist Party we are furnished a weekly bulletin which is the official document of the Cominform, and which comes out of the Eastern European countries. This is also furnished to the advanced members of the Communist Party so that they can take the line down

to the members on the lower level.

"Mr. KEARNEY. That line originates outside the confines of the United States?

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"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. The bulletin we got is the official document of the Cominform.

"Mr. KEARNEY. Where does it come from?

"Mr. CVETIC. From Bucharest, I think. It is made available to us weekly.

"Mr. KEARNEY. In other words, the American Communist not only follows the Party line all the way down the line, but takes orders from Bucharest or somewhere else outside the confines of the United States?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. Our orders come from the Kremlin, from the Cominform. I mentioned before the secretary of the French Communist Party who was instrumental in bringing about the Communist Party line change at the national convention of the Communist Party in 1945.

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to add that this bulletin is also on the 'must' reading list for functionaries and advanced Party members."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information or any information concerning the Communist Party line as announced by the Cominform. It is noted that the Cominform organ has usually been published twice a month rather than weekly, and that CVETIC at no time furnished any detailed information regarding the policies of the Cominform.

30. Re testimony: Page 176, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. All I know is that it is the official document of the Cominform. I have submitted copies to the FBI. The document the Congressman is looking at seems to be one of them."

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No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which mentions the official document of the Cominform and no information regarding this organ as furnished by CVETIC can be located in the files of this office. It is noted that [redacted] has made this organ available on occasion and the Bureau has been advised of same.

31. Re testimony: Page 178, last paragraph, to Page 179, Paragraph 5.

"Mr. CVETIC. Well, I can recollect at least one occasion when ROY HUDSON, who was then district organizer for the Communist Party--and this was while I was employed at the United States Employment Service--ROY HUDSON asked me to come to his office one day, and he asked me to secure from the files of the United States Employment Service information

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relative to the number of employees working in industry in Western Pennsylvania. The information he requested he wanted broken down into the various companies and various industries, steel and so on.

"In answer to ROY HUDSON's request, before I furnished him with any information I contacted the office of the FBI and told them what he wanted me to do. They told me to go ahead and see what I could find, and before I turned it over to ROY HUDSON to check with them.

"I went to the United States Employment Service, removed the information from the files that ROY HUDSON wanted me to get; I checked it with the agent of the FBI with whom I was working; we manipulated some of the figures; then I turned them over to ROY HUDSON. What he did with the figures after I turned them over to him, I don't know.

"Mr. TAVENNER. When did that occur?

"Mr. CVETIC. He came to Pittsburgh as the district organizer after the national convention of 1945, and this was six months or so after I met him in Pittsburgh. I would say it was the latter part of 1945 or first part of 1946. I filed a report on it, and cleared with the FBI before I turned the papers over to ROY HUDSON."

No report submitted by CVETIC, and no information regarding this incident can be located in the files of this office.

It is noted that CVETIC has previously advised this office that he ceased work at the U. S. Employment Service in December, 1945 and in a report submitted by him on November 25, 1945 he set out that "CVETIC was going on full time as executive secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief next week."

AX-1A advised that ROY HUDSON came to Pittsburgh as district chairman of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania, on September 26, 1945.

32. Re testimony: Page 179, last paragraph, to Page 183, Paragraph 8.

This testimony concerns records of the Civil Rights Congress, the American Slav Congress and the Progressive Party, which were maintained at 943 Liberty Ave., and which were made available to the House Committee on Un-American Activities by CVETIC.

It is noted that the above material was secured by CVETIC subsequent to January 23, 1950, the last day on which CVETIC was officially contacted by this office.

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It is further noted, however, that CVETIC voluntarily telephoned this office on February 1, 1950, at which time he stated he intended to secure the above records within a few days and that he would voluntarily make same available to this office in the near future. It is further noted that the Bureau had instructed this office not to initiate any further contact with CVETIC after January 23, 1950 and that he did not voluntarily re-contact this office after February 1, 1950.

33. Re testimony: Page 184, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "At a meeting which I attended recently, and that was about three months ago, of the North Side Section Committee, BILL ALBERTSON, district secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, in asking BILL GORDON and JOHN VIDMAR to visit a couple clergymen in West Side, Pittsburgh for the purpose of organizing a peace front, said to BILL GORDON and JOHN VIDMAR: 'You don't have to tell the clergymen you contact to induce them to front for a peace organization what our real aims and program are.' They are interested in organizing a peace drive, but we are told to keep our real aims from the people."

No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out the above quotation attributed to BILL ALBERTSON. CVETIC, however, has reported that a meeting of the membership of the North Side Section of the Communist Party was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, on the evening of January 5, 1950; that seven persons were present. CVETIC's report set out that "...BILL ALBERTSON stated that if we (Communists) can get several persons to join with us on any one issue whether it be a strike for a wage increase, on the Negro Question, on Peace or on the fare increase (Pgh. Railways Co.) this is what is meant by United Front Work...

"As a result of BILL ALBERTSON's suggestions and report the following work was adopted for the Northside Section.

"JOHN VIDMAR and BILL GORDON are to visit Mr. SEIBEL at the Northside Carnegie Library and discuss with him the organization of a Peace movement...If Mr. SEIBEL won't go along then they are to see the Minister at the Unitarian Church on ReSaca Place who BILL said sent for some Communist literature to the Party office some months ago, but we haven't heard from him since. If he can't be gotten then three or four other progressive ministers in Northside are to be contacted."

It is also noted that CNDI PI-26 reported on the above meeting but did not report the statement attributed to ALBERTSON by CVETIC in his testimony.

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No report submitted by CVETIC can be located which sets out this information. CVETIC's last report regarding a North Side Section Committee meeting was dated December 2, 1949 and contained information regarding a meeting held on December 1, 1949 at 943 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. CVETIC reported that six people had attended this meeting but did not report that BILL ALBERTSON participated therein. The agenda mentioned by CVETIC in his testimony was not set out in the above report dated December 2, 1949.

It has been ascertained, however, that CNDI PI-26 has reported that a meeting probably identical with the one referred to by CVETIC in his testimony was held at 943 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, on January 5, 1950. It is noted that PI-26 reported eight people in attendance, including ALBERTSON, VIDMAR, GORDON and CVETIC; that discussion at the meeting was concerned with the United Front program of the Communist Party and with possible contacts to be made with clergymen. PI-26, however, did not report the statement attributed to ALBERTSON by CVETIC as set out above.

It is further noted that CVETIC was advised of his discontinuance by this office on January 3, 1950.

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II. Is CVETIC's testimony before the Committee substantially the same as the information previously furnished to your office by him on the matters covered in the testimony?

Yes, with the following exceptions.

1. Re testimony: Page 3, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "In 1935 I went to work for the Department of Justice on a crime survey;..."

In November, 1947 CVETIC advised this office that he had been employed from 1935 to 1937 as a research worker for the WPA on a crime survey at Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, Pa. When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY on May 6, 7, 9, 1949, CVETIC stated he had worked for the WPA and the Departments of Commerce, Labor and Justice on a crime survey at Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary during 1936 and 1937.

2. Re testimony: Page 3, Paragraphs 8-12.

"Mr. CVETIC: ...In December, 1945 I went to work for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief as the executive secretary in Western Pennsylvania.

"Mr. TAVENNER. How long did you work for them?

"Mr. CVETIC. About two years.

"Mr. TAVENNER. And when did you cease working for them?

"Mr. CVETIC In December 1947, when I was made executive secretary of the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania.

When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY in 1949, as mentioned above and as set out in reports submitted in 1945 and 1946, CVETIC advised that he was employed as executive secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief from December, 1945 to November, 1946 and that during the latter month he became executive secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.

3. Re testimony: Page 8, Paragraphs 7-8.

(Re CVETIC's membership in the TOM PAINE Professional Branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh).

"Mr. CVETIC. ...At the time I joined, STEVE DEDIJER and DOLLY GAINOR were two of the members...M. Y. STEINBERG, attorney, in Pittsburgh, was a member;...MARTIN KRASICH, an officer of the Croatian Fraternal

Union, was a member..."

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With regard to STEVE DEDIER, CVETIC reported on February 24, 1943 that "I attended our regular meeting of the TOM PAYNE Branch of the Communist Party on Wednesday night, March 24, 1943 at the residence of DOLLY GAYNOR, #3 Dimling Way, Oakland, Pittsburgh... The following were in attendance...STEVE DEDIER, husband of DOLLY GAYNOR, who came in late (after the meeting)."

It is noted that CVETIC has furnished no further information which would indicate that DEDIER was a member of the TOM PAINE Branch. The file entitled "STEVE DEDIER, was.; INTERNAL SECURITY-R," (Bureau file 100-18572) contains no information regarding DEDIER's membership in any specific branch of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

With reference to M. Y. STEINBERG (MORRIS YEE STEINBERG), CVETIC reported on November 21, 1943 that, "Last night at the home of Attorney STEINBERG, located at 1402 Severn St. in Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh, the Progressive Discussion Group held a joint meeting of the TOM PAINE Branch of the Communist Party and their group, and members of the Squirrel Hill Branch and their group...I recognized the following people at the meeting, all well known to me...Attorney STEINBERG."

In a report dated March 21, 1944, CVETIC advised that during the course of a Professional and White Collar Wartime Conference which was organized by the TOM PAINE Branch and held in the Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh on March 20, 1944, "LEE KOGAN said that he is trying to get YEE STEINBERG into the TOM PAINE Branch."

On July 14, 1946, CVETIC orally advised that ANDREE HUDSON had remarked that she had finally been successful in getting YEE STEINBERG to attend one of their branch meetings and that STEINBERG had attended the last meeting of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party. CVETIC reported on August 21, 1947 that "YEE STEINBERG had attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Professional Club of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh held...on August 20, 1947."

It is noted that according to CVETIC's reports the TOM PAINE Branch was dissolved in June, 1944; that CVETIC did not definitely identify STEINBERG as a member of that branch, although he did report him as a Professional Branch member in 1947.

With reference to MARTIN KRASICH, the report of SA ALEXANDER M. GANSKY, Pittsburgh, 7/10/44 in the case entitled "MARTIN KRASICH, wa., INTERNAL SECURITY-C," (Bureau file 100-256916) sets out at Page 7, Paragraph 4,

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that CVETIC had advised "he had not noticed any activity on the part of KRASICH among the Slavish groups he, (CVETIC,) comes in contact with."

On June 8, 1943, CVETIC reported that KRASICH attended and spoke at a meeting of the National Committee of the Croatian Section of the Communist Party which was held on that date in Pittsburgh, Pa., but as set out in the report of SA JAMES T. MOONEY, Pittsburgh, 4/29/47, Page 4, Paragraph 4, in the above Bufile, CVETIC advised that he had not definitely identified KRASICH as a member of the Communist Party.

By report dated August 21, 1947, CVETIC advised that during the course of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Professional Club held at Pittsburgh on August 20, 1947, he had learned that MARTIN KRASICH was a member of the Professional Club. KRASICH was not reported in attendance at this meeting, however.

It is noted that the TOM PAINE Branch was dissolved in June, 1944 and that CVETIC did not identify KRASICH as a member of that branch although he did report that he had learned KRASICH was a member of the Professional Branch in 1947.

4. Re testimony: Page 11, Paragraph 4.

CVETIC stated: "My next position after that came in 1944 when I met with PETE KARPA, DOLLY GAINOR and MAX WEISS, who was then the district organizer for the Communist Party. They told me because of my nationality background, I was to be assigned to become active in language work. My first assignment was in the American Slav Congress."

By report dated November 29, 1943, CVETIC advised that he had lunched with PETE KARPA on that date and that PETE said that he was instructed to select a Party member to help organize the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress...He said because of his Slav name he, MATT, (CVETIC) was selected to organize the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress in conjunction with TONY MEINARICH (MINERICH).

5. Re testimony: Page 16, Paragraph 8.

CVETIC stated: (Re members of the East End Club) "Another member was ESTHER ROTH. She is now employed as JACK STROBEL's secretary at the Western Pennsylvania District of the United Office and Professional Workers of America."

CVETIC has reported ESTHER ROTH as being "at the UOPWA union" but not specifically as being JACK STROBEL's secretary.

6. Page 19, Paragraphs 8-10, Page 20, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. I helped to organize a cell in the Crucible Steel Company, which is located at 30th Street in Pittsburgh.

"Mr. TAVENNER. How many members were recruited into that cell?

"Mr. CVETIC. The top membership at one time was 22 members, approximately."

On August 6, 1947, CVETIC reported that during the course of a meeting with several named Communist Party members at the American Slav Congress headquarters, Pittsburgh, on August 6, 1947, he had learned that fifteen individuals, whom he named, were members of the Crucible Steel Club.

7. Re testimony: Page 31, last paragraph.

CVETIC stated: "...In 1944 the Nationality Commission met prior to and during the American Slav Congress convention in Pittsburgh. It met prior to and during the national convention of the Croatian Fraternal Union in Pittsburgh in 1947. It met when Party line changes such as the Tito-Stalin split occurred, to announce that the Party line to be followed would be as directed by the Cominform."

CVETIC's reports submitted in 1944 described the meetings held prior to and during the second American Slav Congress held at Pittsburgh in that year as being meetings of CPA members within the American Slav Congress, rather than as meetings of the Nationality Commission.

CVETIC submitted no reports in 1947 which indicated that meetings of the national or local Nationality Commission (National Groups Commission) were held during the Croatian Fraternal Union National Convention held at Pittsburgh from September 15, to September 26, 1947. CVETIC did report, however, that STEVE NELSON met with some of the individual delegates to the CFU Convention, which individuals CVETIC has at various times reported as being members of the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party, USA.

8. Re testimony: Page 34, Paragraphs 10-11.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a meeting on June 21, 1947, in room 208 of the Hotel Lincoln in New York City?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I did."

CVETIC's report dated June 22, 1947 set out that the above was a meeting of Yugoslav leaders from the United States, Canada, and the Yugoslav Embassy and that said meeting was held in Room 308 of the

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Hotel Lincoln, New York City.

It is noted, however, that CVETIC had previously reported that this meeting was to be a Communist Party Nationality Group Conference.

9. Re testimony: Page 35, Paragraphs 4-6.

"Mr. CVETIC. When I arrived at the Yugoslav Home--

"Mr. TAVENNER. That is located at 405 West 31st Street?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes. When I arrived there I was met by PETE VUKCEVICH. He told me to keep the FBI off the trail we were all going to this meeting place separately. He escorted me to the Hotel Lincoln and to room 208, where the meeting was held."

CVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 sets this information out as follows:

"...The meeting was originally called for the Yugoslav Club located at 405 West 41st St. in New York City. When those who were to attend the meeting arrived at this address they proceeded to the club, which was located on the third floor. There, instructions were issued by STEVE NELSON that the comrades break up in two's and three's and they would be guided by one of the group to the place of the meeting. This they proceeded to do and their ultimate destination was Room 308 in the Hotel Lincoln."

10. Re testimony: Page 37, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know what position in the Yugoslav Embassy Dr. SLAVKO ZORE held?

"Mr. CVETIC. At the present time it skips me, but I knew at that time. I met with him at various times in the Yugoslav Home and at the Embassy."

CVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 identified ZORE as: "SLAVKO ZORE--Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia."

11. Re testimony: Page 37, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You state there was another person from the Yugoslav Embassy present. Was that PERO DRAGILA?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, he was there."

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CVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 identified this individual as "PERO or PETRO -- Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia; small mole on right cheek; gold tooth cap in upper right hand jaw; hair-do resembles RAYMOND MASSEY, as do general features; sallow complexion; fairly heavy beard."

Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, June 27, 1947 in the case entitled "YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," suggested that this individual was probably PERO DRAGIA.

12. Re testimony: Page 37, Paragraph 8, to Page 56, Paragraph 6.

(Re CVETIC's description of meeting described above at Hotel Lincoln, New York City, on 6/21/47).

It is noted that the major portion of this testimony follows the tenor and in many instances is taken verbatim from Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, 6/27/47, in the case entitled "YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCEACTIVITIES, INTERNAL SECURITY - R." Although said Pittsburgh letter described the proceedings of the June 21, 1947 meeting as reported by CVETIC, it had been necessary to paraphrase informant's report for clarity with the result that the verbiage used in the Pittsburgh letter was not the same as set out in CVETIC's report.

13. Re testimony: Page 56, Paragraph 7.

CVETIC stated: "...After the meeting Dr. ZORE met with STEVE NELSON and sharply criticized him for not exerting better discipline amongst the members of the Nationality Commission."

This information was not set out in CVETIC's report of June 22, 1947 regarding the June 21, 1947 meeting at the Hotel Lincoln, New York City. However, in a report dated January 2, 1949, CVETIC advised that NELSON had related the above information to him.

14. Re testimony: Page 59, Paragraphs 10-13, Page 60, Paragraphs 1-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. When was the last meeting of the Pittsburgh Nationality Commission that you attended?

"Mr. CVETIC. The latter part of October or first part of November 1949. The Commission has not met since that time, because STEVE NELSON, the chairman of the Pittsburgh Commission, has been laid up with a broken leg.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Where was the last meeting held?

"Mr. CVETIC. The last meeting I attended was at 1916 East Street, the office of the Communist Language Press. This meeting was called for the purpose of setting up an American Yugoslav Defense Committee of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who attended this last meeting in October or November, 1949?

"Mr. CVETIC. This meeting was attended by STEVE NELSON, the district organizer for the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania; MANE SUSNJAR, LEO FISHER, TONY MINERICH, CALVIN BROOK, and myself."

On November 26, 1949 CVETIC submitted his last report to this office with regard to a National Groups Commission meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. This meeting was held at 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, on the afternoon of November 25, 1949. This report did not set out that LEO FISHER and CALVIN BROOK had attended this meeting. However, in addition to NELSON, SUSNJAR and MINERICH, the report did set out that the following attended: JOHN STRIZICH, ARTHUR BARTL, DRAGO KOSICH, CHARLIE VUICH, GEORGE WUCHINICH and MILO MAMULA. According to said report, the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing a local affair to be held for GEORGE PIRINSKY, the delegates to be sent to the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born Conference to be held in Detroit, Michigan, on December 3 and 4, 1949, and the delegates to be sent to the American Slav Congress National Committee meeting to be held in Detroit on December 4, 1949. CVETIC advised, however, that some discussion was had concerning the organization of a Yugoslav Section of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

15. Re testimony: Page 60, Paragraph 7.

"Mr. CVETIC. During the summer of 1944 the Nationality Commission met regularly in offices of the International Workers Order in the Columbia Bank Building, and also in offices of the Communist Party in the Bakewell Building in Pittsburgh, for the purpose of planning the national convention of the American Slav Congress, which was scheduled to be held in Pittsburgh in September of that year."

Reports submitted by CVETIC in 1944 reflect that most of these meetings, described as being those of CPA Language Group Committee within the American Slav Congress and CPA leaders active in the American Slav Congress, were held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, 1916 East St., and at IWO District Headquarters in the Columbia Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

16. Re testimony: Page 65, last paragraph.

"Mr. CVETIC. I held a minor position with the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania from 1944 on. However, in 1947 the Nationality Commission directed that I be made the executive secretary..."

Reports submitted by CVETIC in 1946 reflect that he became executive secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania in November, 1946.

17. Re testimony: Page 66, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. I went to the American Slav Congress in 1944 as a delegate from the State, County and Municipality Professional Workers. This is now the UPOWA."

CVETIC's reports reflect he attended the 1944 American Slav Congress as a delegate of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America-CIO.

18. Re testimony: Page 69, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who were the Party members from the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party who carried out the Communist Party dictates with reference to the policies to be adopted by the American Slav Congress?

"Mr. CVETIC. GEORGE PIRINSKY, STEVE KRALL, CHARLES MUZIL, HARRY JUSTIZ, LEO BACICH. These are all Communist Party members, because I have attended Nationality Commission meetings of the Communist Party with them."

CVETIC has reported STEVE KRALL and CHARLES MUZIL (MUSIL) as having attended meetings of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress, but no reports were located reflecting that these individuals attended meetings of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party.

19. Re testimony: Page 70, Paragraph 13, Page 71, Paragraphs 1-2.

"Mr. CVETIC. Three or four years ago I was visiting in New York with GEORGE WUCHINICH and we met with STEVE NELSON to discuss policy regarding the American Slav Congress. We took a walk with STEVE NELSON, and in the course of the conversation STEVE NELSON told GEORGE WUCHINICH that he should be a member of the Communist Party, and after a little talk between STEVE and GEORGE and myself, GEORGE WUCHINICH asked STEVE NELSON how he could join.

"'Well,' STEVE said, 'you should be one of the members at-large because

of your importance, and not a card-carrying member.' He said, 'As a matter of fact, even MATT here should not know you are a member of the Party. So from now on you will be a Communist Party member, but keep it to yourself. Only the three of us will know.'"

This information was originally reported by CVETIC to the New York Office and details of same are fully set out in New York letter to Bureau, 10/16/47, in the case entitled "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY-C."

By report dated October 18, 1947, CVETIC advised that he had relayed the above information regarding the Communist Party membership of WUCHINICH to ROY HUDSON. CVETIC subsequently orally advised that WUCHINICH was considered a Communist Party member at large.

20. Re testimony: Page 72, Paragraph 2, to Page 74, Paragraph 7.

(Re statement issued by the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania condemning the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which sta tement was signed by JOSEPH RUDIAK, President, and MATTHEW CVETIC, Secretary).

CVETIC stated, "This statement was drafted after a meeting between STEVE NELSON, GEORGE WUCHINICH and myself. The actual statement was drafted by GEORGE WUCHINICH."

The above statement cannot be located in the Pittsburgh files and no report of CVETIC mentioning same or its drafting can be located.

However, on June 27, 1949, CVETIC furnished a carbon copy of a news release issued under date of June 26, 1949 by "MATTHEW CVETIC, Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania" which set out, "The American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania in a statement issued by its Executive Secretary, MATTHEW CVETIC, wholeheartedly repudiated and denounced the subversive charge leveled at it by the House Un-American Committee, based on its 150 paged trumped up report.

"In issuing the statement, Mr. CVETIC pointed to the record of the American Slav Congress during the war and to its patriotic program today--of fighting for world peace, jobs, housing and civil and political rights for all the people.

"Mr. CVETIC said further that if there are any subversive elements in this country, it is those planners of World War III who are hiding their war aims behind a smoke screen of framed up trials, trumped up

investigations and fake charges against all those who are fighting to keep decency and democracy alive in America.

"And condemning the House Un-American Committee for attempting to perpetrate this deception on the American people, Mr. CVETIC called on those Congressmen who are wasting the people's money carrying on these trumped up investigations to get down to business and legislate the housing, civil rights, FEPC and labor program which they were promising when they ran for office in 1948.

"As for the American Slav Congress, said Mr. CVETIC, it will keep up the fight until the goal of world peace, freedom, equality and abundance is secured to all the people."

According to a typed notation appearing on the above carbon copy of said statement, it was "written by M. CVETIC, Executive Secretary, after talk with STEVE NELSON who suggested same."

21. Re testimony: Page 77, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. Tavenner. You mentioned the Croation Council. Is that the full name of that organization?

"Mr. Cvetic. No. It is the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent."

By report dated June 8, 1949, CVETIC advised that FRANK BORICH had told him the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent had changed its name to "Union of American Croats" (Union of American Croatians); that this change had been made because the National Council had been cited by the Attorney General as being a subversive organization. It is noted that other sources have advised that this organization is no longer known as the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent.

22. Re testimony: Page 82, Paragraph 6.

(Re functions of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born), CVETIC stated: "This Committee, for the most part, carried on legal defense for Communist Party members who were arrested for deportation. When I say for Communist Party members, at a meeting ABNER GREEN once told me that 66 of the 67 persons arrested for deportation up to that time were Communist Party members. He told me that in a little coffee clutch. And the other person, whom they

did not defend, had some reason other than political why he was being deported, and the Committee did not interest themselves in his welfare."

By report dated December 13, 1948, CVETIC advised that the 15th Anniversary National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born had been held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, Ill., on December 11, 12, 1948. Among other things, he reported:

"There was no longer any effort to deny that the deportees were Communists. The speakers, and several of them repeated this, that of the 66 deportees, 65 are members of the Communist Party, one a member of the CPA. The 67th one, JOE WEBER, is a member of the Communist Party."

In the above report, CVETIC did not mention a person whom the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born was not defending.

23. Re testimony: Page 84, Paragraph 4.

"Mr. CVETIC. Recently we have set up an American Yugoslav Defense Committee. This is a subcommittee of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. I was made chairman of this new committee, MARY BORICH was made secretary, and MANE SUSNJAR was made treasurer."

By report dated December 10, 1949 CVETIC advised the official name of the above organization was adopted at a meeting held on that date as "American Yugoslav Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born."

24. Re testimony: Page 84, Paragraph 8.

(Re financial status of American Yugoslav Defense Committee.)

CVETIC stated: "...We raised about $250 up until the day I left Pittsburgh."

By report dated January 4, 1950, CVETIC advised that the American Yugoslav Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born had received approximately $318; that expenditures had reduced this amount to $225.

25. Re testimony: Page 98, Paragraphs 6-7.

"Mr. TAVENNER. What is the approximate membership of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, if you know?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes, I know. At the last report given by the district secretary of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, his figure--and these are his figures--were approximately 550 members."

CVETIC advised in a report dated April 30, 1949 that BILL ALBERTSON had stated at a district committee meeting that as of that date there were 562 registered members of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

An anonymous source advised on February 5, 1950 that as of January 13, 1950 there were 464 registered members in the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

26. Re testimony: Page 99, Paragraphs 9-10.

"Mr. TAVENNER. You sta ted you turned your records over to the FBI?

"Mr. CVETIC. Yes."

In the event CVETIC is referring to his own membership cards for 1947 and 1948 his statement is correct since these cards are on file in this office. In the event he is referring to Communist Party records of the Lawrenceville Club, he has reported that he did not have access to such records and that same were kept by LOUIS FILETICH, Lawrenceville Club secretary.

27. Re testimony: Page 102, Paragraph 5.

CVETIC stated: "...I mentioned before that at every functionary or district committee meeting in 1948 the Progressive Party was discussed..."

Although CVETIC has reported that the Progressive Party was discussed at many Communist Party meetings in 1948, his reports do not indicate that it was discussed at every such meeting. His testimony in this regard is exaggerated since CVETIC did not attend all functionary and district committee meetings in 1948.

28. Re testimony: Page 110, Paragraph 2.

"Mr. CVETIC. The National Board of the Communist Party, at its 1945 convention, established Western Pennsylvania as a steel concentration area."

CVETIC did not set this information out in his report dated July 31, 1945, which described the proceedings of the 1945 Communist Party, USA Convention. He has furnished subsequent information and exhibits, however, which do indicate that the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania was to concentrate in basic industries--steel, electrical and coal.

29. Re testimony: Page 112, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. CVETIC. In August 1948 the district office of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, through its organizer ROY HUDSON, called a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party. This meeting, which I attended as a leading functionary of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, was held in the lecture room of the North Side Carnegie Library. It was attended by approximately 110 members of the Communist Party who were either elected members of the District Committee or leading Party functionaries. Functionaries could be members of the Nationality Commission, members of the Steel Commission, or any one of the Commissions that functioned."

By report dated July 11, 1948, CVETIC advised the above was a District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania held on the evening of July 9, 1948 and on July 10, 11, 1948, at the Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. CVETIC reported that there were 106 official delegates and 29 visitors attending the three-day sessions.

30. Re testimony: Page 114, last paragraph, Page 115, first paragraph.

CVETIC stated: "...At this meeting JIM DOLSEN, who is the Daily Worker representative and correspondent in Western Pennsylvania, stated to me--and he stated it to me personally; he is one of the leaders of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania and a long-time member: 'I don't see how we can have a successful revolution in this country without getting control of the basic industries.'"

In his report of July 11, 1948, CVETIC described this incident as follows:

"In discussion, JIM DOLSEN said he can't see how the monopolies can be taken over without a revolution." This was reported at Paragraph 1, Page 39, of the report of SA J. EDWARD MADVAY, Pittsburgh, 4/13/49, (Bufile 100-24861), entitled "JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, wa., IS-C."

31. Re testimony: Page 117, Paragraph 3.

CVETIC stated: "...Last year in New York City, while I was having dinner with HYMAN SCHLESSINGER, GEORGE WUCHINICH, and MILO MAMULA,

HYMAN SCHLESSINGER made the following statement: 'While we have a strong Communist Party in New York City, I don't see how we can wage a successful revolution unless we build the Party in Pittsburgh. It stands to reason that we must get control of the basic industries and the industrial workers before we can even think of a revolution.'"

By report dated July 18, 1949, CVETIC set out that while in New York attending the Bill of Rights Conference held on July 16, 17, 1949, he had had dinner with GEORGE WUCHINICH, MILO MAMULA, and HYMAN SCHLESSINGER. During the dinner, SCHLESSINGER was reported by CVETIC to have stated, "The revolution, when it comes, will start in Pittsburgh or Detroit--not in New York, despite the fact that we have a large Communist Party here. These retail store strikes here in New York are not important and will not decide anything. Pittsburgh and Detroit have the basic industries. We must get control of these basic industries. Mining and steel are important and coal is the most important. We will have to get a strong Communist Party in basic industries before we can organize the revolution here in this country."

32. Re testimony: Page 121, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. WALTER. What kind of work does GEORGE WUCHINICH do?

"Mr. CVETIC. He is head of Dobrovolni Odbor in New York City."

CVETIC reported on December 13, 1949 that GEORGE WUCHINICH expected to go to work for Dobrovolni Odbor about January 1, 1950.

On January 16, 1950 CVETIC reported WUCHINICH was residing in New York City.

33. Re testimony: Page 129, Paragraphs 6-7.

CVETIC stated: "...The Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania has a Communist cell working in the major hotels in Pittsburgh, and this cell is also responsible for Communist Party infiltration in the Heinz plant located in North Side Pittsburgh.

"I have knowledge of this, since I was a member of the North Side Section Committee, and the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' cell of the Communist Party is also a part of the North Side section, and I attended many meetings with the organizers from this cell."

CVETIC has reported that Communist Party members in Local 237 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Alliance, AFL, comprise the "Food Branch" or "Food Club" of the North Side Section. He has never

referred to this club as "a cell." On April 14, 1949, CVETIC reported, "...There are a total of 9 members in the Food Club of the Communist Party. This does not include HEINZ's." CVETIC and [redacted] have reported that Communist Party members at the H. J. HEINZ plant in Pittsburgh are members of the "North Side Club" of the North Side Section. b7D

34. Re testimony: Page 129, last paragraph, Page 130, Paragraphs 4, 5 and 8.

(Re main organizers of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell in Pittsburgh). CVETIC stated: "...EDDIE LANG, who works at the Heinz Plant; HAMP GOLDEN, who also works at the Heinz Plant...In the past six months, JOE MANKIN has been the key organizer for the Communist Party activities in this cell, and has been instrumental in carrying out most of the agitation work now being conducted at the Heinz Plant and in the hotels, in Pittsburgh."

It is noted that CVETIC and PI-26 have reported that EDDIE LANGE and HAMP GOLDEN are members of the North Side Club, not the Food Club or the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell. No reports submitted by CVETIC or any other informant have been located which set out that JOE MANKIN carries on agitational work at the Heinz Plant. MANKIN's work appears to be confined to the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Alliance, Local 237, of the AFL.

35. Re testimony: Page 134, Paragraphs 8-9 and Page 135, Paragraph 1.

"Mr. TAVENNER. What is the approximate membership of the Youth League as of this time?

"Mr. CVETIC. The meeting which I attended at the Fort Pitt Hotel was attended by approximately forty youths. I would place the approximate membership at not more than sixty."

CVETIC's reports of June 17 and 18, 1949 re the founding conference of the Labor Youth League held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on June 17, 1949, set out that said conference was attended by approximately 29 people.

CVETIC has not reported on the approximate membership of the Labor Youth League at the present time, but in the above report set out that the Labor Youth League hoped to recruit 130 members by January 1, 1950.

36. Re testimony: Page 135, Paragraph 4 to Page 136, Paragraph 5.

(Testimony re the sectional breakdown of the Communist Party of

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Western Pennsylvania.)

From time to time, CVETIC has submitted incomplete information regarding such a breakdown, and it is noted that his testimony in this instance is incomplete and confused. No reports have been located in which CVETIC has attempted to set down a specific sectional breakdown in Western Pennsylvania.

PI-26 and the Daily Worker of February 12, 1950, Page 9, Columns 2-3, reported that at the present time there are nine sections (Hill, North Side, East Pittsburgh, Monongahela, Allegheny Valley, Washington County, Cambria County, 28th Congressional District and Beaver County) included in the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

37. Re testimony: Page 138, Paragraphs 4-5.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give the committee the approximate total membership of these sections that you have just enumerated?

"Mr. CVETIC. The only section that I can give you a figure for is the North Side Section, of which I am a member, and this section had 90 members. I think we are going to lose a few members; perhaps one that I know of."

On November 23, 1948, CVETIC reported the North Side Section membership as 99. No reports have been located in which he stated the North Side Section had 90 members.

On February 5, 1950, an anonymous source advised that as of January 13, 1950 the North Side Section had 52 registered members.

38. Re testimony: Page 141, Paragraph 2.

CVETIC stated: "...After STEVE NELSON was assigned to Western Pennsylvania as its district organizer in August of 1948, up until November 1949 when he became incapacitated due to a broken leg which he suffered while he was out hunting, I met regularly with STEVE NELSON to discuss policy for the American Slav Congress and other front organizations in which I was active and which I have identified before."

As set out in CVETIC's report of July 11, 1948, STEVE NELSON was elected as District Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania at the District Convention held on July 9, 10, and 11, 1948 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

39. Re testimony: Page 145, Paragraph 4.

CVETIC stated: "On another occasion, before a meeting which was held at the Unitarian Center in North Side, when the Communist victory in China was becoming apparent early last year, STEVE NELSON said to me: 'We are going to have the biggest liquidation of people's enemies in China since the 1917 revolution.'"

In a report dated December 21, 1948 CVETIC advised that during the course of a meeting of leaders of the North Side Section held on December 21, 1948 at the Unitarian House, Resaca Place, "STEVE NELSON said that in spite of the fact that American imperialism has been spending over three million dollars a day in China, it has suffered defeat. Within a year there will be one of the biggest liquidations of people's enemies in China, comparable only to the Russian Revolution of 1917."

40. Re testimony: Page 148, Paragraphs 2-3.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who in the Party has the function of educating the rank and file members regarding the teachings of Communism?

"Mr. CVETIC. On that I can go back to 1945. At that time I was a member of the Organizational and Educational Committee of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. I can give you the members I sat with on this Committee."

When interviewed by Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY in May, 1949, CVETIC stated he became a member of the Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in 1946.

In a report dated February 2, 1946, CVETIC set out that the organization of the Org-Ed Committee included him as a member.

41. Re testimony: Page 170, Paragraph 3.

"Mr. CVETIC. The American Slav Congress program went off the air at the request of BILL MATTA over six months ago. As to the others, some have cut down their time and we understand some have ceased broadcasting altogether."

CVETIC's reports in 1949 indicate that the American Slav Congress programs broadcast over Station WLOA were discontinued on April 17, 1949 because of lack of finances.

42. Re testimony: Page 58, Paragraphs 1-3.

"Mr. CVETIC. There was a serious rift among Americans of Yugoslav descent within the Communist Party. This breach has become so serious that the Communist Party has required its leaders to speak out violently against TITO.

"These words were spoken by STEVE NELSON at a meeting I attended recently in Pittsburgh, called specifically for the purpose of cementing the break within the Communist Party on this issue. 'We must fight against Titoism wherever it rears its ugly head.'

"He elaborated by saying anyone who does not follow the Cominform line will be expelled from the Party."

CVETIC's report of September 26, 1949 set out that during a district conference held on September 25, 1949 STEVE NELSON, in reporting on a recent plenum of the Communist Party stated that "We must take a new approach to Titoism...Tito agents must be exposed wherever and whenever they are found. If any Tito agents come to your house, they are to be shown the door." No reports of CVETIC can be located which contain the specific statement of NELSON as testified by CVETIC.

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III. Is CVETIC's testimony before the Committee substantially accurate in light of information available to your office from other sources on such matters?

Yes, with the following exceptions.

1. Re testimony: Page 9, Paragraphs 9-10.

"Mr. TAVENNER. Who was DOLLY GAINOR, referred to by you as one of the members of the Professional Branch?

"Mr. CVETIC. DOLLY GAINOR at that time was a member of the City Committee of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. She is now living in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and is married to PETE KARPA. PETE KARPA was secretary of the City Committee when I joined the Party."

Extensive investigation conducted by this office has failed to indicate that DOLLY GAYNOR and PETE KARPA are married.

2. Re testimony: Page 16, last line.

(Re testimony with reference to East End Club members) CVETIC stated: "...RUTH GOLDMAN was a member..."

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The files of this office indicate that CVETIC has confused RUTH GOLDMAN with HELEN GARFINKEL GOLDMAN in this instance. [redacted] and an anonymous source have reported HELEN GARFINKEL GOLDMAN as a member of the East End Club in 1945 and 1946. On February 4, 1949, CVETIC orally advised GOLDMAN was an executive of the Squirrel Hill Club. On April 7, 1949, CVETIC reported a RUTH GOLDMAN as having attended a meeting of Communist Party functionaries at 440 Wood Street, but subsequently orally advised she was the individual he had formerly reported as a member of the East End Club.

3. Re testimony: Page 22, Paragraph 1.

(With reference to SLOVENSKA NARODNA PODPORNA JEDNOTA)

"Mr. CVETIC. In English it means the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Society."

Chicago, office of origin in case entitled "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY; INTERNAL SECURITY-C," carries the official name of the organization as "Slovene National Benefit Society."

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cc: J. E. F.

SAC, Pittsburgh

March 16, 1950

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In connection with the captioned matter your attention is directed to your letter dated 3-2-50, entitled Matthew Cvetic, and to your teletype dated 3-10-50, entitled George Pete Dietze.

[redacted] the Bureau cannot object to this request since the services of Cvetic and Dietze have been discontinued.

In line with this matter the Bureau's attention has been recently directed to instances indicating a lack of full and complete understanding and comprehension of the problems and investigative techniques involved in the Bureau's security program and coverage of Communist Party activities. It has been clearly demonstrated that they lack sufficient background knowledge to conduct with any degree of propriety interviews with past or present Communist Party members. The Bureau has cooperated with [illegible] in these matters but it has not been entirely reciprocal on their part.

For your assistance and guidance in coping with the activity [redacted] the following instances have been [illegible] by the Bureau.

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By letter dated 10-14-49, the Dallas Office [redacted]

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Inasmuch as Cvetic's address at the time of his association with your office is a matter of public information, the Bureau has no objection to your office furnishing Cvetic's address prior to his discontinuance.

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The above applies to any action on your part with ICIS in connection with both Cvetic and Dietze.

For your information the Bureau is presently endeavoring through a series of conferences within the Department of Justice to alleviate the problems as above described.

cc - Mr. J. D. Donohue

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TO : The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

DATE: March 15, 1950

FROM : Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: GEORGE NICHOLOFF PIRINSKY, was
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Reference is made to my letter of January 18, 1950, advising that you would be furnished with a report reflecting a summary of information previously made available to this Bureau by Matthew Cvetic concerning the above-captioned subject.

This information is reflected in the attached copy of the report of Special Agent James T. Mooney, dated February 23, 1950. The information contained therein, attributed to Pittsburgh Informant T-1, was received from Matthew Cvetic.

Also being furnished herewith, as enclosures, are single copies of the following identified reports, which are believed to be of interest to you:

Report of Special Agent Wesley A. Anderson, dated January 12, 1950, at Chicago, Illinois.

Report of Special Agent Miller R. Weeda, February 8, 1950, at Detroit, Michigan.

This information is furnished to you confidentially and should not be disseminated to any unauthorized persons or agencies.

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Remylet 3/13/50 enclosing the original, five thin whites and a yellow of a blind memorandum captioned "Testimony of MATTHEW CVETIC Before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., February 21-23, 1950." Reference is made to Page 16, Item 33, of said memorandum with regard to CVETIC's testimony as set out at Page 184, Paragraph 3, of the photostatic copy of the transcript of CVETIC's testimony as forwarded with [illegible] 3/1/50.

Inasmuch as subsequent to the submission of the memorandum it was ascertained that CVETIC had submitted a report referring to this item, Page 16 of the blind memorandum submitted by this office has been necessarily revised.

The original, five white copies and one yellow copy of the revised Page 16 are attached hereto and it is requested that the Bureau substitute same for Page 16 which was originally forwarded with mylet of 3/13/50.

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By TONY SMITH, Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 18 — One of Matt Cvetic's "hottest" documents is missing.

It's a file packed with political dynamite—the names of Congressmen and other public officials who gave money to the Communist-front American Slav Congress, or received favors from the outfit.

The ex-FBI undercover man brought it with him when he came to Washington last month to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee on the Communist apparatus in the Pittsburgh area.

After he wound up his public appearance this week, Mr. Cvetic asked for the return of the file—inasmuch as it hadn't been placed into the record.

But a thorough search by investigators and attorneys for the Committee, who say they never saw the thing themselves, disclosed the file has been lost, mislaid or stolen.

Mr. Cvetic is certain the file was included in the 80

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Papers Named Red-Front Donors

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pounds of documents he carted to Washington after severing his undercover ties with the FBI.

"I would hardly forget that particular file," Mr. Cvetic explained. "It was one of the most important pieces of documentary evidence I had. My memory isn't perfect on all occasions, but I have a particular knack for remembering the important things. This was one of them."

Some newspapermen found out about the file—and not from Mr. Cvetic—before his public testimony. It included letters noting contributions to or from at least 20 Congressmen.

Also there were communications with political leaders and office-holders throughout the country, many from Western Pennsylvania.

Politicians Suspected

An important point was the dates of the letters.

Those who contributed their moral, political or financial support to the Slav Congress before 1944 were "kicking in" to a group with no real or suspected Communist label.

But in 1944 the Commies took over the Slav Congress, Mr. Cvetic testified.

By the time the Attorney General listed it officially as subversive in 1948, the outfit had established itself as a virtual "holding company" for all other above-ground Commie operations.

Thus, the lawmakers and politicians who contributed or supported the Slav Congress after 1944 are suspected or knowingly backing a Commie front for political gain.

Willing Tools

Those who played "footsie" with it after 1948 can be assumed to have been willing tools of one of the leading pro-Russian organizations.

In all of the file's categories, there was a good smattering of Western Pennsylvania lawmakers. Most of them were Democrats.

At least one glowing letter of endorsement, received as late as 1949 was written by a Democrat in the Pittsburgh area.

Left Out of Record

Most other letters in the "after 1948 group" were from other parts of the country, with the industrial areas—where foreign-born populations are heavy—predominating.

Those who know the kind of "political dynamite" contained in the files say there is ample reason for some persons on Capitol Hill to go to extremes to stop it from getting into the record.

Reporters who know of its existence had assumed it was one of the "sucker" or "good contact" lists which the House Committee scanned and carefully left out of the record.

Mr. Cvetic's testimony appeared to be a completely free-swinging performance to the neutral observers.

He named many persons, some of them prominent in their special fields.

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But, even with 287 names the Committee exercised an effective control over who was identified. Nothing got in that was too embarrassing to any major political organization.

Procedure Followed

The procedure was to present Mr. Cvetic with a list of names—usually members or officers of some front organization—and ask him to identify those whom he knew to be Communists.

Naturally, those which contained no ticklish names would have proved harmless to any political organization, even if Mr. Cvetic had listed everyone as a Red.

There were so many documents presented as "Cvetic exhibits" that it was difficult to note which ones had been excluded.

One of those never submitted was the postage-free envelopes belonging to Rep. George Sadowski, Michigan Democrat, which were used to distribute—at the taxpayers' expense—pro-Communist propaganda written by George S. Wuchinich.

Wuchinich was a former Slav Congress leader in Pittsburgh whom Mr. Cvetic identified as a Communist. He is now in New York.

The matter never would have been brought up in the hearings at all if Rep. Francis E. Walter, Easton Democrat, hadn't referred to it.

The Pennsylvania Congressman, who was acting chairman of the Committee at the time, drew Mr. Cvetic's attention to a story in The Pittsburgh Press about the indiscriminate use of Congressional franks.

Sadowski Admitted It

He didn't identify Mr. Sadowski for the record, nor did the witness. However, Mr. Cvetic named the Detroit Democrat for newsmen during a recess. And Mr. Sadowski later admitted he had permitted Wuchinich use of his free-mail privilege.

Mr. Cvetic isn't too concerned about his lost file. He pointed out the FBI has a complete report on the whole thing.

In fact, the FBI got two reports on the communications in the file. One from Mr. Cvetic and one from George Dietze, another undercover man, in whose suite of offices—at 943 Liberty Ave.—the file was stored for a long time.

CHECKING UNION LISTS for possible Communists is Matt Cvetic (left), former FBI undercover man in Red circles here. Mr. Cvetic was asked by officials of Local 188 of the A. F. of L. Bartenders to help them ferret out any Commies who might be in the union. The union officers are Larry Sarricks (seated), president and business manager, and William McNulty and William DeMarco, members of the local's investigating committee.

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Attention: Assistant Director LOUIS NICHOLS

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Re telephone call from Assistant Director LOUIS NICHOLS to ASAC E. J. POWERS, 3/22/50.

There is enclosed herewith one copy of an article entitled "Files on Congressmen Vanish at Cvetic Quiz," which appeared on Page 1, Column 7, and Page 17, Column 1, of the "Pittsburgh Press" of 3/19/50.

In connection with the information set forth in said article, it is noted that CVETIC has, over a period of years, submitted the following information with regard to the American Slav Congress and U. S. Congressmen and other United States officials.

The report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 11/3/44, captioned "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C," Bufile 100-56674, sets out at Page 25, Paragraph 7, that CVETIC made available to this office a speech delivered by GEORGE PIRINSKY, Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress, at the Second American Slav Congress held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on 9/23-24/44. At Page 34, Paragraph 3, of said report, it is set out that PIRINSKY stated, "...The very composition of our Slav Congress is proof of its non-partisan character...In Detroit we also have outstanding Democrats like Congressman SADOWSKI..."

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The above report of SA [redacted] also sets out at Page 8, Paragraph 1, that CVETIC reported that GEORGE PIRINSKY had been in conference with Democratic National Chairman HANNEGAN regarding the expenses of a national radio hook-up with regard to a speech to be delivered by the Hon. HAROLD ICKES at an American Slav Congress mass meeting held in Pittsburgh on 9/24/44.

On 2/8/46, CVETIC furnished this office with a mimeographed newsletter of the American Slav Congress, 205 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y., which contained a news release dated 2/6/46 and which set out that "Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT and JOSEPH E. DAVIES had joined the Sponsors Committee for the Testimonial Dinner in honor of LEO KRZYCKY and ZLATKO BALOKOVIC on March 10 at the Astor Hotel in New York, the National Office of the American Slav Congress announced today.

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"Among others who had expressed their willingness to sponsor the event are...Congressman EMANUEL CELLER...Congressman HUGH DE LACEY..."

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It is noted that the above information was set out at Pages 23 and 24 of the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 3/26/46, in the case captioned "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY-C."

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The report of SA HOWARD W. LITTLE, New York, 10/10/46 captioned "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY-C" sets out at Pages 25-32 that CVETIC made available to the New York Division a speech delivered by GEORGE PIRINSKY at the opening of the Third American Slav Congress held at New York City on 9/20/46. At Page 28, Paragraph 2, of SA LITTLE's report, PIRINSKY's remarks are set out as follows:

"The London meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Five, following the conference in San Francisco further revealed the growing discord among the major powers of the victorious coalition. On that occasion our National Executive Office issued what many considered a well-thought-out and courageous statement calling for the re-establishment of Big Three unity, the keystone to peace. That statement, and many others on foreign policy as it was unfolding, were inserted in the Congressional Record and distributed in thousands of reprints throughout the country. Congressmen IMMANUEL CELLER of New York, JOHN COFFEE of Washington, ADOLPH SABATH of Illinois, HUGH DELACY of Washington, HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS of California, EMILIA DOUGLAS of Illinois, Senators JAMES M. TUNNELL of Delaware and CLAUDE PEPPER of Florida cooperated in bringing our statements and resolutions to the attention of the members of Congress and to readers of the Congressional Record."

On 10/14/47, CVETIC furnished this office with a copy of a printed letterhead of the American Slav Congress, 205 E. 42nd St., New York City, which was captioned, "Testimonial Dinner in Honor of Senator CLAUDE PEPPER, Pennsylvania Hotel, Sunday, October 12, 1947." This letter, which was addressed "To all members of the National Committee, Presidents and Secretaries of the State and City Committees" set out among other things on its reverse side that the following were sponsors of the above American Slav Congress function:

Hon. JOHN A. BLATNIK, Hon. EMANUEL CELLER, Hon. STANLEY M. ISAACS, Hon. VITO MARCANTONIO, Hon. JAMES E. MURRAY, Hon. A. J. SABATH, Hon. GEORGE G. SADOWSKI.

On 11/13/47, CVETIC furnished a mimeographed copy of a leaflet entitled, "American Slav Congress Drive for a Fighting Fund for 1948 of $120,000."

It was set out that the National Committee had adopted a six-point program of action which called for: "...2. Developing a broad campaign in support of the proposal of Congressman GEORGE G. SADOWSKI (D.Mich.) for a

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Congressional investigation of the U. S. policy of rebuilding the industrial might of Germany, thus reviving the danger of future German aggression."

On 11/13/47 CVETIC furnished this office with one photograph of the assembled guests at the Testimonial Dinner held by the American Slav Congress in honor of U. S. Senator CLAUDE PEPPER at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, on 10/12/47. Senator PEPPER was included in this photograph which was forwarded to the New York Office by Pittsburgh letter dated 11/19/47 entitled "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY-C."

As set out in Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, 3/11/48 in the case captioned "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY-C, REGISTRATION ACT," CVETIC reported on 3/1/48 that meetings of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress were held at the Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Mich., on 2/28-29/48. At Page 3 of said letter it is set out that GEORGE PIRINSKY had stated that he had approached U. S. Congressmen SADOWSKI, SABATH and BLATNIK and had urged them to propose a bill in the U. S. Congress which would require an investigation of State Department policy in Germany.

By letter dated 9/29/48 the Pittsburgh Office forwarded to New York a copy of American Slav Congress newsletter dated 9/10/48 captioned "Congressmen SADOWSKI to address Fourth American Slav Congress in Chicago."

The following information may possibly be pertinent with regard to the enclosed article:

On 2/6/50, CNDI [redacted] furnished this office with a photographic copy of a letter dated 9/11/44 from FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT to Mr. JOHN SOBCZAK, Second American Slav Congress, 1005 Berger Bldg., Pittsburgh 19, Pa. This letter set out in the first paragraph: "The Second American Slav Congress, to whose members I send hearty greetings, meets under hopeful auspices this year." There is no record in this office that CVETIC ever furnished the above information. b7D

A photograph of the above-mentioned letter appeared on Page 1 of a four-page leaflet entitled "Keep America Free" which was issued by the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania and published as a supplement in the 12/3/47 issue of "Narodni Glasnik," daily Croatian-language newspaper published at Pittsburgh. A copy of said supplement was furnished to the Bureau as an enclosure with Pittsburgh letter dated 12/24/47, captioned "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, INTERNAL SECURITY-C, REGISTRATION ACT."

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Director, FBI -4- 3/23/50
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MATTHEW CVETIC Attention: Assistant Director LOUIS NICHOLS
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The 6/15/48 issue of "Ludovy Dennik," Slovak newspaper formerly published at Pittsburgh, Pa., set out at Page 1, Columns 5-7, in an article entitled "Report on American Slav Congress--Western Pennsylvania Conference in Pittsburgh," that "telegrams of greetings to the Conference had been sent by Congressmen VITO MARCANTONIO and JOHN A. BLATNIK, HAROLD L. ICKES, HENRY A. WALLACE, and Senator GLEN H. TAYLOR."

On 6/28/48 the "Narodni Glasnik" published a photograph of a letter dated 6/10/48 addressed to GEORGE S. WUCHINICH, Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, from Senator GLEN H. TAYLOR. Said letter set out, "I am delighted to send my wholehearted greetings to the members of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania who are today celebrating their tenth anniversary...

"And I especially greet you for the great encouragement and help your members in the steel mills and coal mines have given to the crusade for peace, progress and democratic rights of the New Party."

It is noted that although CVETIC submitted a report to this office with regard to the above conference of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania which was held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on 6/13/48, his report did not set out the above information.

In conclusion, it is noted that the above files which were reportedly lost by CVETIC were files which he took to Washington in connection with his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The files were not files of the FBI or this office.

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On 3/23/50, Mr. EBEN I. JONES, President, Local 1272, United Steel Workers, USA - CIO, 2716 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., along with J. A. FORBES and P. R. PACHUTA also of this local, brought JOHN PINTAR of Lawrenceville, Pa., to the office. Mr. JONES stated that a man named JOHN PINTAR of Lawrenceville, Pa., had been named by CVETIC as being a Communist, and that his union was interested in determining whether the PINTAR named by CVETIC is identical with the JOHN PINTAR who is a member of their union.

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Mr. JONES explained that on the night of 3/22/50 Local 1272 held a hearing for the purpose of determining what action would be taken with regard to JOHN PINTAR. He said that there was considerable feeling in the union, and that many of the men had stated that they will cease working if PINTAR is not removed from his job, it being observed that all of the foregoing individuals work at the Jones and Laughlin foundry. Mr. JONES said that they had tried to get in touch with CVETIC but thus far had been unable to do so.

Mr. JONES was advised by ASAC EDWARD J. POWERS that this office could make no comment with regard to the matter, and that no statement one way or the other with regard to the allegations made against JOHN PINTAR could be issued. Mr. JONES stated that he understood our position.

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A check of the indices of this office discloses that former Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] both considered reliable at the time they were reporting information, submitted reports covering the period from 1947 to approximately June, 1949, indicating that one JOHN PINTAR, an employee of Jones and Laughlin and a resident of Lawrenceville, Pa., had attended Communist Party meetings.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau as regards repercussions resulting from the testimony given by CVETIC before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER ND INFORMANT. REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FROM MR. BELMONT TO WFO ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1950, CONCERNING CVETIC'S TESTIMONY BEFORE HCUA ABOUT R. J. HARDIN. LOUIS J. RUSSELL, HCUA INVESTIGATOR, HAS ADVISED SA R. I. NIXON IN CONFIDENCE THAT CVETIC TESTIFIED ON AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1950, AND INCLUDED IN THE TESTIMONY UNDER THE CAPTION, "CP MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED FUNCTIONARY MEETINGS IN JOHNSTOWN AND PORTAGE, PA". THIS LIST WAS JOHN AND MARY MATLESKA; R. J. HARDIN, CP ORGANIZOR FOR CAMBRIA COUNTY; EASTERBROOK, A MAN WHO OPERATED A TAXIDERMIST SHOP IN JOHNSTOWN, PA.; MIKE MILKOVITCH; AND ANN SLOBODJIAN. THIS INFORMATION WAS ASCERTAINED IN A DISCREET MANNER WITHOUT DISCLOSING THE BUREAU'S INTEREST IN ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED. THE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF CVETIC'S TESTIMONY HAS NOT YET BEEN PREPARED. HCUA DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE ANY FUTURE HEARINGS AT WHICH TESTIMONY WILL BE GIVEN BY CVETIC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 29, 1950

FROM : MR. V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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You will recall a recent memorandum reflecting that [redacted] Cvetic is the former Pittsburgh informant who has recently testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

[redacted] the "Daily Worker" would undoubtedly have an opportunity to belittle all testimony presented by Cvetic to the FBI and to the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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[redacted] desired to ascertain if these facts were true. He stated that [redacted] if the FBI felt important testimony would be endangered.

Referral/Consult

[redacted] It was definitely pointed out to [redacted] that Cvetic has no connection with this Bureau.

ACTION:

This is for informational purposes only. #44809

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We absolutely do not want to indicate that any special consideration be given to [redacted]

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The following is a tentative list of the names of individuals to be named by Mr. Matthew Cvetic before the Committee on Un-American Activities today. This list has been prepared for the convenience of the press and the names appearing thereon are not for release until such time as they are mentioned by the witness.

Abelson, Evelyn
Ahel, Matt - 1335 Spring Garden Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Albert, Dorothy - sister of Nathan Albert
Albertson, Peter
Albertson, William - District Secretary, Communist Party, Western Pa.
Arshan, Ben, Dr. - optometrist, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bashista, James
Begler, Frances (Mrs. Jack Begler)
Begler, Jack
Benjoies, Louise (Benjoya)
Benton, Jerry - Communist Party organizer, McKeesport area
Bliss, Esther
Brkljacic, George
Brook, Calvin - 1253 Shadycrest Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Brook, Vera (Mrs. Calvin Brook)

Chandler, Charlotte - Communist Party organizer, Professional Branch, 1943-45
Chuplis, Joe
Cogan, Judy (Mrs. Lee Cogan)

Drake, Betty
Drenovac, Nicholas, Rev.

Farraday, Dorothy
Filner, Joseph - 3827 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Filner, Sarah (Mrs. Joseph Filner)
Fink, Anne Natchie
Fink, Carl - Houston, Pa.
Fitzpatrick, Tom

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Gachinovich, Milena - 103 South 16th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Gachinovich, Vioslav, Rev.
Gerlach, Tony, Jr. - New York City
Glickman, Herb
Godich, Mike - 711 Union St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Golden, Mary (Mrs. Hamp Golden)
Grant, Pauline (Mrs. Dave Grant)
Griffin, Pearl
Grushka, Jerry
Grushka, Lila

Harajevich, Joe
Hart, Carolyn
Heiston, William L.
Hodos, Paul
Horowitz, Rebecca (Becky) - Hazelwood, Pa.
Hubscher, Martha - 1255 Shadycrest Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Kamalich, Frank
Kelich, Nick - 55 Vine St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Kern, Charles M., Jr.
Kluko, Mary - 1521 Oak St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Knezevich, Pete - Farrell, Pa.
Knezevich, Rose (Mrs. Pete Knezevich)
Kompus, Bill
Kompus, Helen - 510 N. Negley Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Kurowski, Walter

Lazaris, Nick
Lepovich, Matthew - Bentleyville, Pa.
Lepovich, Tony - Bentleyville, Pa.
Lewis, Lillian - 106 McNaugher St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Makushenko, Alex - Squirrel Hill, Pa.
Mandell, Florence
Mandell, Mac
Mankin, Agnes (Mrs. Joe Mankin)
Markovich, Anne (Mrs. Mirko Markovich)
Matanic, Eilene (Mrs. Paul Matanic)
Matanic, Paul
Matelesko, John (also Matles) - Conemaugh, Pa.
Matelesko, Mary (Mrs. John Matelesko)
Matles, Eben
Matles, Maxine
Mazur, Rose

Merges, Steve
Middleton, John
Migalich, Helen
Miner, William
Minerich, Liza (Mrs. Tony Minerich)
Minerich, Tony ✓
Modic, Frank - Ecorse, Mich.
Mugford, Walter
Muir, Virginia
Mutz, Ludwig - New York City

Nixon, Ed ✓
Nuss, Tony - 3117 Cordell Place, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Nusser, Herbert

Orzick, Harold
Oyler, Al

Patterson, William
Pavuk, Frank - Perrysville, Pa.
Perpich, Ann ✓
Pintar, John
Previel, Donald - 227 Meynan Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Quinn, Thomas ✓

Radus, Paul
Rasovich, Ned
Reed, Georgia (Mrs. Sam Reed)
Robinson, Alma (Mrs. Joseph "Sonny Robinson)
Robinson, Joseph "Sonny"
Roknich, Vaso
Roth, "Ricky" (sister of Esther Roth)
Rudiak, Regina
Russinko, Peggy ✓

Sardoch, Armenia
Sartisky, Sonya (Sunny)
Schlessinger, Hy
Schmidt, Viola
Schultz, Miriam (Mrs. Lawrence Schultz)
Schultz, Lawrence
Seymour, Virginia
Shindler, Maurice
Skvarich, Anthony
Slome, Pauline

Sobol, Ladislav
Spencer, Harold
Steinberg, Alex
Straka, Eva Jandrokovich
Strizich, John
Strobel, Jack
Susnjar, Zora
Suto, Steve - Homestead, Pa.
Svec, Anton - 21050 Goller, Cleveland, Ohio

Thomas, Allen
Turner, Teresa

Valinsky, Ray - Dentist, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Vidmar, Jean - office secretary, American Slav Printing Co.
Vrban, Joseph - 5243 Keystone, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Vucich, Louis, Aural Ridge, Pa.
Vukovich, Matthew

Walker, Herbert
Wassell, John - California, Pa.
Wassell, Mary (Mrs. John Wassell)
Weiss, Sadie (Mrs. Max Weiss, now in New York City)
Werlinich, Zare - McKees Rock, Pa.
White, Wilbur - Erie, Pa.
Wolfe, Joseph - optometrist
Wright, Alex
Wright, Theodore (Ted)

Young, Charles - now residing in State of Virginia
Young, Ruth (Mrs. Charles Young)

SAC, Pittsburgh

March 30, 1950

Director, FBI

MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Informant [redacted]
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There are attached photostatic copies of a tentative list of the names of individuals who were to be mentioned by Cvetic bef[illegible] the HCUA on March 10, 1950. This list was received in confidence by [illegible] Bureau from the HCUA and in checking it, it is noted that Cvetic has [illegible]sted a Communists three individuals who are being used by your office as informants, namely, [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted].

You are requested to check this list to determine whether there are any other individuals who are furnishing information to your office and, if so, whether their relationship with the Bureau is now in jeopardy.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 3, 1950

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Refer Washington Field Office letter to Bureau March 15 last and Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau March 27, last. No further affirmative action is contemplated by Washington Field Office in this matter. No Stop Notice has been placed by Washington Field Office with House Committee on Un-American Activities so that Washington Field Office will be notified in event CVETIC is again called to testify. No further contact with House Committee on Un-American Activities is contemplated in this matter in the absence of Bureau's instructions. RUC.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: April 3, 1950

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Attached hereto is a copy of a radio script covering an interview of Cvetic by a local radio station at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This copy was obtained by the SAC at Pittsburgh and personally delivered to the Bureau by an agent of the Pittsburgh Office on February 17, 1950.

It is recommended that this script be filed in the Cvetic file and no further action taken inasmuch as it reflects information which has been divulged by Cvetic during the past two months in connection with the hearing conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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THIS SPECIAL BROADCAST TONIGHT IS BEING AIRED IN THE HOPE THAT YOU THE LISTENING PUBLIC WILL BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE DANGERS AND THE WORKINGS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE DANGERS TO OUR WAY OF LIFE, AND WHAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY HOPES TO ACHIEVE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

MUCH OF WHAT YOU WILL HEAR ON THIS BROADCAST CENTERED AND STILL CENTERS RIGHT HERE IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH. IT'S NOT IN BOSTON, NEW YORK OR LONDON, BUT RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.....RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER FROM YOUR HOME.

THIS IS COMMUNISM IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. COMMUNISM AND ITS STAB YOU IN THE BACK METHOD OF OPERATING.

TONIGHT'S BROADCAST IS TOLD BY A MAN WHO BY HIS OWN SWORN TESTIMONY WAS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT FOR THE F.B.I., FOR NINE YEARS, AND WHO FOR SEVEN OF THESE YEARS WAS AN OFFICIAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN PITTSBURGH.

HIS NAME IS MATT CVETIC. HE IS FORTY YEARS OF AGE, AND FOR MANY OF THE YEARS THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY MATT CVETIC HELD DOWN A POSITION AT THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE. IN FACT HE WAS IN THE PLACEMENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

CVETIC'S STORY OF BEING A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AND AT THE SAME TIME INFORMING THE F.B.I. OF WHAT THE COMMIES WERE DOING RIVALS ANY FICTIONAL THRILLER ON THE RADIO. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING YOU THE ENTIRE TALE IN THIRTY MINUTES, BUT YOU WILL HEAR HOW THE COMMUNISTS ARE TRYING TO INFILTRATE OUR STEEL MILLS, OUR COAL MINES, OUR ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS, AND HOW THEY ARE TRYING TO INFILTRATE THE MINDS OF OUR YOUTH.....

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YOU WILL HEAR MATT CVETIC TELL HOW THE COMMUNISTS LOOK UPON US AS SUCKERS, HOW STEVE NELSON COMMIE BOSS IN WESTERN PENNA., SPOKE ABOUT THE UNITED STATES AS THE ENEMY.

CVETIC TESTIFIED TODAY BEFORE THE HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON. HE NAMED NAMES AND PLACES. WITH HIS JOB COMPLETED AS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT CVETIC WAS PREVAILED UPON TO GO BEFORE THE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AND TESTIFY ON COMMUNISM.

CVETIC WHO HAS BEEN LEADING A DOUBLE LIFE FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS WAS PREVAILED UPON TO COME OUT IN THE OPEN BY JUDGE BLAIR F. GUNTHER AND ATTORNEY HARRY ALAN SHERMAN. ALONG WITH JUDGE GUNTHER AND MR. SHERMAN, ROBERT TAYLOR OF THE PITTSBURGH PRESS AND I LISTENED TO CVETIC TELL ABOUT THOSE YEARS.....YEARS IN WHICH THE COMMUNISTS THOUGHT CVETIC WAS A BOSOM BUDDY, AN EFFICIENT COMRADE, WHERE IN TRUTH HE WAS REVEALING ALL OF THEIR SECRETS TO A GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND ALL OF THE TIME WAS A TRUE AND PATRIOTIC CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEN CVETIC WAS FIRST APPROACHED BY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY HE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.....HE HAD APPLIED FOR ARMY INTELLIGENCE WORK BUT WAS TURNED DOWN BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

HE WAS WORKING AT HIS JOB IN THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE. AS CVETIC PUTS IT THE GOVERNMENT CONTACTED HIM...TOLD HIM THEY WOULD LIKE HIM TO WORK AS AN UNDERCOVER MAN, JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, AND WORK HIS WAY WITHIN THE PARTY SYSTEM. CVETIC DECIDED TO DO IT. THIS WAS IN 1941. BUT IT TOOK TWO YEARS, IT TOOK UNTIL FEBRUARY 1943 BEFORE HE BECAME AN ACTUAL CARD HOLDING MEMBER IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY.....

THE COMMUNISTS REALIZED OR SHALL WE SAY THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD A GOOD THING IN MATT CVETIC....HERE HE WAS WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE....HE COULD PLACE PARTY MEMBERS IN INDUSTRIAL JOBS....

THIS CVETIC ACTUALLY DID, BUT ALWAYS REPORTING THIS TO THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR WHOM HE WORKED....AND OF COURSE EACH ONE OF THE COMMUNISTS WHO WAS PLACED IN AN INDUSTRIAL JOB WAS WATCHED LIKE A HAWK. CVETIC CLIMBED RATHER RAPIDLY IN LOCAL COMMUNIST RANKS....HE IS OF SLOVENE EXTRACTION.... THE COMMUNISTS MADE HIM TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS....

HE WAS PLACED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN PITTSBURGH....BECAME AN ORGANIZER OF HIS OWN BRANCH....WAS USED TO HELP ORGANIZE OTHER BRANCHES....SAT IN ON STRATEGY MEETINGS WITH ROY HUDSON, ONE TIME PARTY CHAIRMAN IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, AND SAT IN ON MANY SUCH MEETINGS WITH STEVE NELSON WHO IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA....THIS IS THE SAME STEVE NELSON WHO HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF PASSING ATOM SECRETS FROM A SCIENTIST ON OVER TO THE RUSSIANS.....

THIS WAS A NERVE WRACKING LIFE TO MATT CVETIC, HE TELLS US OF SOME OF HIS FEELINGS DURING THE PAST NINE YEARS. FOR INSTANCE HE SAYS,

(CVETIC) AT FIRST I WAS SCARED TO DEATH....I REMEMBER MY FIRST PARTY MEETING AT THE ON THE SOUTHSIDE....I ALMOST DIDN'T MAKE IT. WHEN I TOOK ON THIS JOB I WAS TOLD BY THE GOVERNMENT THAT I COULD DO MORE GOOD THAN A REGIMENT OF SOLDIERS, DO MORE GOOD FOR MY COUNTRY. IT WASN'T EASY, IT COST ME MY HOME AND MY FAMILY PLUS MANY OF MY FRIENDS. I NOT ONLY CARRIED THE STIGMA OF BEING A COMMUNIST BUT I HAD TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL THAT I DIDN'T REVEAL MY TRUE WORK AS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT. SOME NIGHTS IT

WAS PRETTY HARD TO SLEEP. AND I'LL TELL YOU IT HAS MADE ME A NERVOUS WRECK. HOWEVER, JUDGE GUNTHER TOLD ME THAT NOW WAS THE TIME TO MAKE THE BREAK.... THAT MY UNDERCOVER WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT HAD REACHED ITS PEAK AND THAT I COULD DO MORE GOOD FOR MY COUNTRY RIGHT NOW BY TESTIFYING BEFORE THE HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.....

BURNS: MATT CVETIC WAS CONSIDERED A GOOD CATCH BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HE HAD ACCESS TO JOBS IN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS.....HE COULD PLACE THE COMMIES RIGHT IN OUR WAR PLANTS.....CVETIC SAYS,

CVETIC: I WAS CONSIDERED AN ALL RIGHT GUY.....BEFORE I OFFICIALLY JOINED THE COMMUNIST PARTY I ACTED IN SYMPATHY WITH THEIR CAUSE....GAINED THEIR CONFIDENCE. PLACED KNOWN COMMUNISTS IN INDUSTRIAL JOBS, AND PROMPTLY INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT. IT WAS CAT AND MOUSE, BUT IT WORKED. I PLAYED HARD TO GET BEFORE BECOMING AN ACTUAL PARTY MEMBER.

IN FEBRUARY OF 1943 I WAS ASKED TO ATTEND A COMMUNIST PARTY RALLY AT FIFTH AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL. THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WAS ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. AFTER LISTENING TO HER SPEECH I SIGNED AN APPLICATION TO BECOME A PARTY MEMBER, AND ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER BECAME A FULL FLEDGED MEMBER WITH A PARTY CARD.

I WAS PLACED IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE PROFESSIONAL BRANCH OF THE PARTY HERE IN PITTSBURGH. I WAS OF SLOVENE EXTRACTION AND THE COMMUNISTS TOLD ME THAT MUCH OF MY WORK WOULD BE IN THE NATIONALITY FIELD, WORK AMONG THE SLOVENES, AND URGE THEM TO FOLLOW THE PARTY LINE. I BECAME AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, AND WAS ELECTED TO THIS COMMITTEE AT A MEETING HELD AT THE CARNEGIE HALL ON THE NORTHSIDE.

BURNS: MATT CVETIC WAS TRUSTED WITH MORE AND MORE JOBS AS HE WORMED HIS WAY INTO THE INNER CIRCLES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HE BECAME A TRUSTED MEMBER OF THE NATIONALITY COMMISSION. SAT IN ON STRATEGY MEETINGS AND MANY TIMES WAS EMPOWERED TO CALL SECRET MEETINGS OF THE NATIONALITY COMMISSION IN THIS CITY.

CVETIC SAYS THE MEETINGS WERE CONSIDERED SO SECRET NOT EVEN THE MAIL WAS TRUSTED....

CVETIC: THE MAILS WERE NOT TRUSTED WITH NOTICES. I WOULD EITHER CALL THE MEMBERS BY PHONE OR GO SEE THEM PERSONALLY TO TELL THEM WE WERE HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING. THESE SO CALLED SPECIAL OR STRATEGY MEETINGS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE COMMUNIST RALLIES HELD IN PUBLIC HALLS. AT THESE LARGE RALLIES NOTHING OF SECRET NATURE IS DISCUSSED, AND THEY ARE MORE TO GAIN PUBLICITY THAN FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

WE HELD SECRET MEETINGS AT 1916 EAST STREET ON THE NORTHSIDE, AT THE UKRAINIAN HALL ON THE SOUTHSIDE AND SOMETIMES IN THE BAKEWELL BUILDING DOWNTOWN. WHEN ROY HUDSON WAS SENT HERE AS WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAIRMAN I WAS PLACED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN ORGANIZING AFFAIRS FOR THE PARTY.

BURNS: AS AN ACTIVE PARTY MEMBER DID MATT CVETIC PARTAKE IN DISCUSSIONS DEALING WITH THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.... LET'S LISTEN TO HIM TELL IT.

CVETIC: WE HAD SPECIAL CLASSES AT 440 WOOD STREET. WE WERE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THESE CLASSES. THE CLASSES WERE TAKEN UP WITH THE TEACHINGS OF MARX AND LENIN. OF COURSE ANYONE WHO HAS EVER READ MARX OR LENIN KNOWS THAT PARAGRAPH AFTER PARAGRAPH IN THEIR BOOKS TEACH VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF A GOVERNMENT BY FORCE. HOWEVER THE PARTY WAS CAGEY ABOUT TALK OF OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT. THE PARTY WAS AFRAID OF BEING PINNED DOWN ON THIS ONE.

FOR INSTANCE AT ONE OF THE CLASSES I ATTENDED, WILLIAM ALBERTSON WAS THE INSTRUCTOR. ALBERTSON USED TO LIVE IN PITTSBURGH, AND WENT TO SCHOOL AT PITT. ALBERTSON IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE PARTY AND HAS BEEN MOVED AS AN ORGANIZER TO NEW YORK CITY.

ONE OF THE BOOKS WE USED AS A TEXT AT THESE CLASSES WAS THEORY AND PRACTICE OF COMMUNISM. OTHER BOOKS WERE LAID DOWN AS MUST READING, BOOKS SUCH AS STATE AND REVOLUTION, COMMUNIST MANIFESTO, HISTORY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION.

I WISH TO REMARK HERE THAT THESE BOOKS ARE SPECIFICALLY WRITTEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING A REVOLUTION AND EDUCATING THE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS FOR THEIR ROLE, WHICH IS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISH A DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT.

BURNS: MATT CVETIC NAMES SOME COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS WHO WERE OUTSPOKEN AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

CVETIC: I WILL QUOTE JIM DOLESON WHO IS A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DAILY WORKER. IN AUGUST OF 1948 DOLESON STATED TO ME AND I QUOTE HIM, "I DON'T [illegible] HOW WE CAN HAVE A SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION IN THIS COUNTRY WITHOUT GETTING

CONTROL OF THE STEEL, COAL AND ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES IN PITTSBURGH.

ANOTHER STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES WAS MADE BY WILLIAM GORDON WHO WAS BROUGHT HERE BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO ORGANIZE THE STEEL WORKERS. ONE NIGHT AFTER A MEETING AT 943 LIBERTY AVENUE, GORDON SAID TO ME, IF WE MOVE PITTSBURGH AN INCH WE CAN MOVE THE COUNTRY A MILE. I BRING THIS OUT TO SHOW IN WHAT ESTIMATION THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES HOLDS PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA. I HAVE HEARD STEVE NELSON REFER TO THE UNITED STATES AS THE ENEMY, AND WILL ELABORATE ON THAT A LITTLE LATER. I EMPHASIZE AT THIS POINT THAT THE NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY RECOGNIZES WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AS A STRATEGIC AND FOCAL POINT IN THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION. HENRY WINSTON ONE OF THE ELEVEN COMMUNISTS CONVICTED IN NEW YORK STRESSED THIS POINT AT A MEETING HERE IN PITTSBURGH.

WINSTON SAID THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS SENDING ITS BEST ORGANIZERS INTO THIS AREA TO CARRY ON THE WORK AMONG THE STEEL WORKERS, THE MINERS, THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND THE YOUTH. THAT IS WHY STEVE NELSON WAS SELECTED AS CHAIRMAN FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

THE DUQUESNE, HOMESTEAD AND BRADDOCK AREA HAS BEEN SELECTED AS A CONCENTRATION AREA BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY....THE COMMUNISTS WORK TO INFILTRATE THE UNIONS....TRY TO GET MEMBERS IN AS SHOP STEWARDS, GET THEM JOBS AS OFFICE CLERKS, GET THEM IN ANYWHERE SO THEY CAN KEEP AN EYE ON INDUSTRY.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS AN INTENSE INTEREST IN TRADE UNIONS. THE PARTY BELIEVES THAT UNIONS CAN BE USED AS A BASIS FOR REVOLUTION. THE PARTY

IS NOT ONLY INTERESTED IN STEEL AND COAL AND SO ON BUT IN ALL UNIONS.

FOR EXAMPLE RIGHT HERE IN PITTSBURGH THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS TRYING ITS BEST TO TAKE OVER THE UNION COMPRISING THE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS.... IN FACT TWO CARD CARRYING PARTY MEMBERS ARE NOW OFFICIALS OF THIS UNION....

BURNS: ACCORDING TO CVETIC WE ARE LOOKED UPON AS SUCKERS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. LOOKED UPON AS SUCKERS BY HIGH LEADERS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, MEN SUCH AS STEVE NELSON WHO CONTROLS THE COMMUNISTS IN PITTSBURGH AND PENNSYLVANIA.

CVETIC: I HAVE OFTEN HEARD STEVE NELSON REFER TO THIS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS THE ENEMY. AT ONE TIME NELSON AND I GOT TO TALKING ABOUT CHINA, AND THE HELP BEING GIVEN TO CHINA BY THE UNITED STATES. NELSON SAID, "WE SHOULD TAKE ALL THE MONEY, MACHINERY AND WHATEVER ELSE WE CAN GET FROM THE SUCKERS OVER HERE, IT WILL HELP QUICKEN THE FIGHT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN CHINA. NELSON ADDED THAT IT WOULD ALSO HELP QUICKEN THE REVOLUTION IN AMERICA....

BURNS: HOW DOES THE COMMUNIST PARTY OPERATE? HOW DOES IT SPREAD, IN WHAT WAY IS IT FORMED....CVETIC SAYS IT'S SIMILAR TO A SPIDER WEB, FANS OUT FROM CELL TO CELL AND BRANCH TO BRANCH.

ORGANIZED SIMILAR TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, ACCORDING TO CVETIC,...

CVETIC: THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS CONCENTRATING ON ORGANIZED WORK. FOR INSTANCE MASS ORGANIZATION IN THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY. EACH COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER IS

EXPECTED TO BE ACTIVE IN HIS PROGRESSIVE CLUB.

NOW HERE IS THE MAKEUP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY HERE AT THE PRESENT TIME. WE HAVE A DISTRICT BOARD, A DISTRICT COMMITTEE, WE HAVE BRANCHES, WE HAVE SECTIONS. WE HAVE THE NORTHSIDE SECTION, THE STEEL SECTION, THE MINING SECTION, PROFESSIONAL SECTION AND SO ON.

THEN THE PARTY IS BROKEN DOWN INTO CLUBS AND BRANCHES AND THESE CLUBS AND BRANCHES ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO GROUPS OF FIVE FOR SECURITY REASONS. NO CARDS ARE ISSUED NOW BECAUSE OF SECURITY REASONS. THE RECENT CRACKDOWN ON THE ELEVEN COMMUNISTS IN NEW YORK AND THE TESTIMONY AT THEIR TRIAL HAS GIVEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY QUITE A SCARE.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/3/50

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC b7D

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CONF. INFT. Former CNDI [redacted]

Rebulet to Pittsburgh, 3/30/50. The tentative list of names of individuals who were to be mentioned by CVETIC before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 3/10/50 has been checked by this office. None of the individuals appearing in said list, other than [redacted] and [redacted] are furnishing information to this office. b6 b7C b7D

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News Notebook

By Peter Edson

IT hasn't been announced, but one of the main purposes of President Truman's Key West "vacation" is to write speeches for the coming political tours. The President has indicated he will make a "non-political" tour into 15 states this summer. Itinerary hasn't been completed, but Pennsylvania, Ohio and the Dakotas are marked for special attention. The President won't dabble in any primary fights except in his home state of Missouri. One aim of the Key West trip was to get speeches written for every stop on the first tour. But it's a safe bet no speeches were written aboard the presidential yacht while nearly the whole staff was seasick.

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Uncle Offsets Aunt

DAVID DEMAREST LLOYD, White House assistant whose aunt, now dead, once owned a piece of the New York Communist Daily Worker, feels that the activities of another of his relatives more than made up for it. He had an uncle who owned a piece of The Chicago Tribune.

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Rent Control Sticks

THE states and local communities in the past year have been more and more reluctant to remove rent controls. New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's recent move to make rent control a state matter, instead of leaving it to local communities, is typical. Out of 90 U. S. cities of over 100,000 population only 16 have taken off rent controls.

Out of 15,000 communities of 5000 population or over, only 200 have taken advantage of local option to get out from under rent controls. All cities have had this choice since April, 1949. But for the whole country, there are still 12,000,000 housing units under control in communities with a total population of 77,000,000.

Similarly, there seems to be great local popularity for slum clearance and low rent housing projects, tho both were bitterly opposed in last session of Congress.

To date, 533 cities have applied for approval of projects to contain a total of 405,000 family units. This is about half of the 810,000 units authorized for approval in first two years. Governing bodies of 380 cities have approved projects, and only four have been turned down.

There have been two local referendums on approval of low rent projects. St. Petersburg, Fla., defeated the project 3300 to 3000. Waco, Tex., approved, 3400 to 2000.

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This Should Clinch It

ANY doubts about New York Rep. Vito Marcantonio's left-wing leanings should now be completely removed. For the sole American Labor Party representative in Congress recently introduced a bill to repeal the so-called "Smith Act." This is the law under which the 11 U. S. Communist Party leaders were tried and convicted in New York last year.

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Matthews Said a Mouthful

NAVY SECRETARY FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS laid it on thick when he went up to Brookline, Mass., to speak at a testimonial dinner for Veterans Administrator Carl Gray.

"He is," said Secretary Matthews, "the embodiment of the finest fruition of God-fearing family life as it can flower under the favor of American liberty and freedom. . . . His sterling character is deep rooted in the fundamental principles consistently enunciated in the mental and spiritual discipline imparted to him in his most impressionable years. . . ." And so forth.

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Cvetic May Make a Movie

MATTHEW CVETIC, the Pittsburgh FBI agent who posed as a Communist in order to expose Commie party activities there, is being swamped with offers to write a book about his experiences. He also has offers to make his experiences into a movie. Cvetic is now off the FBI pay roll and may accept one of the offers to go literary or dramatic.

A high spot in any story or movie based on his experiences will certainly feature one of his narrowest escapes from exposing his hand to the Reds he was spying on. It happened during the war. The FBI learned that a Nazi agent had a radio transmitting station in the same hotel where Cvetic lived. He was ordered to look into it.

Cvetic quickly gained the confidence of the Nazi spy. But one evening as he walked down the stairs into the hotel lobby, he saw a group of his Commie friends. He knew that the Commies knew his companion was a Nazi. He also knew that if the Commies saw him with the Nazi, they would become suspicious.

By some fast footwork, and with a quick explanation to the Nazi, Cvetic ducked back upstairs out of sight of the Commies in the lobby. Next day a group of G-Men nabbed the Nazi and his radio, and took Cvetic off the spot.

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Private Point 4 Plan

PUBLIC AFFAIRS INSTITUTE, a private research organization backed by the railway brotherhoods and the World Government Foundation, has thought up a new plan for the Point Four program to aid underdeveloped countries. PAI thinks State Department plans aren't big enough.

So, without Government approval, it proposes establishment of some 200 "work centers" in backward areas. Each work center would be staffed by 10 $10,000-a-year technicians. They would be aided by 20 native technician assistants, total cost another $100,000. These groups would be agricultural experts and engineers, who would act as teachers. Each work center would have four shops for automotive, farm machinery, irrigation pump and electric motor repair and maintenance.

Each work center would have dormitories for 100 natives who would undergo training. Cost of setting up one of these work centers is estimated at $1,500,000 plus $750,000 a year upkeep.

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Johnson Is Badgered

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT is under heavy pressure to cancel its order of last November, banning participation of Air Force and Navy planes in air shows around the country. Original stop order was issued to end a racket.

Promoters would get service fliers to participate, free of cost, then collect admissions for grandstand seats. Stunt flying is risky and a number of crack-ups had caused injury to pilots. By confining stunt flights to national shows, or to shows promoting recruiting, casualties have been cut to zero. But this new policy has many congressmen up in arms.

Principal reason is that it's considered matter of great prestige for congressmen to get Air Force or Navy planes for an act in their states. Included in the pressure to get planes are various veiled threats to put the ax to some of Defense Secretary Johnson's requests for appropriations. Air show participation has been cut down to save money, but among the congressmen putting pressure on Defense Department are a number who are considered leading advocates of economy in Government spending.

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Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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PURPOSE

To advise of certain information regarding the above-named subject, transmitted anonymously in an an envelope addressed to "Mr. Matt Cvetic, F.B.I. Office, Washington, D.C."

DETAILS

The Bureau received an anonymous letter, postmarked Johnstown, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1950, addressed to "Mr. Matt Cvetic, F.B.I. Office, Washington, D.C." The envelope contained a letter written in Slovak, and a translation of this letter is set forth below:

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"Matt Cvetic

"Sir:

"I note that the Johnstown and Pittsburgh papers have a write-up about Communists. I am waiting to see therein the name of the Bolshevik Stephen Gavura, 220 Broad St., Johnstown, Pa. I think that Communist Gavura is a 100% Bolshevik because he is even instructing others. In his store he had photographs of (1) Stalin, (2) Lenin, Bela Kuhn and Rakosi. Gavura is a Magyar. In Johnstown (Cambria City), everyone knows what Gavura is.

"I am afraid to sign my name hereto lest I have trouble, but what I write is the truth.

"Goodbye and much luck to you — from a

Good American
(of Slovak birth)

"When I shall be reading in the papers that Gavura has been apprehended, then I will reveal to you my name and address."

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It is noted that the correspondent made reference to Stephen Gavura who is the subject of a closed Security Matter - C file.

The letter and envelope, as received, were mailed to Cvetic, c/o Hotel Penn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in a plain envelope with no clarifying communication from the Bureau.

ACTION

It is suggested that this memorandum be placed in the file on Gavura and the attached letter to Pittsburgh be transmitted advising that Office of this information.

SAC, Pittsburgh

April 7, 1950

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Director, FBI

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MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]

There is attached a photostatic copy of an article which appeared in the Washington News of March 20, 1950, by columnist Peter Edson in which he sets forth circumstances surrounding an alleged German agent who was operating a radio transmitter in the Hotel Penn where Cvetic resided.

You are requested to advise whether there is any truth to this statement and, if so, the particular circumstances and the case to which it applies.

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For your confidential information, a communication addressed to Mr. Matt Cvetic, c/o F. B. I., Washington, D. C., was received at the Bureau, postmarked April 18, 1950 at Passaic, New Jersey. The letter was re-mailed to Cvetic in a plain envelope without any clarifying communication from the Bureau. The letter to Cvetic was from John R. Blanda of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, and a copy of the letter is attached.

You will note that Blanda inquires of Cvetic concerning John Rusin of Pittsburgh, who was a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and who will be expelled if Cvetic is able to give testimony to the effect that Rusin has been and is a member of the Communist Party.

Bureau files contain no information which can be identified with John Rusin as described by Blanda, and you are requested to advise whether your indices contain any information indicating Rusin is active in Communist matters.

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Mr. Matt Cvetic
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Dear Sir:

I am informed that a short while ago you did testify before a particular committee that a Mr. John Rusin of 44 Curtain Avenue, Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania, has been, and is now a member of the Communist Party, and has been and is now an ardent worker for the Communist cause.

This John Rusin is a member of our organization, the Bylaws of which provide that any person who advocates the overthrow of the American Government by force or who approves and propagates anti-Catholic, anti-Slovak or anti-American newspapers, books or other literature shall be expelled.

We have no room in our organization for a man of this type. To aid us in expelling this member will you please prepare an Affidavit setting forth in your own words that this man, identifying him by name and address, is a Communist and is interested in the Communist party. The Affidavit need not be lengthy, but should contain sufficient facts to show that this man is a Communist, or is violating our Bylaws. Supported by your Affidavit we shall be able to expel him without difficulty, and I ask you if you will please forward this Affidavit to me at your earliest possible moment.

I shall keep you informed as to the proceedings and the conclusion thereof. Thank you for you kind cooperation.

Very truly yours,

S/ John R. Blanda

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TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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The following information re captioned individual was set out on Page 21, Column 3, of the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" of 4-19-50 in the column entitled "The Drama Desk," by "Post Gazette" dramatic critic, HAROLD V. COHEN:

> "Pete Martin, who pens those movieland personality stories for the Saturday Evening Post, is ghosting Matt Cvetic's Communist series for that magazine. There will be four installments of it . . . . "

Submitted for Bureau's information.

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Hero's Welcome Given Cvetic at Union Rally

Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover agent, was given a "hero's welcome" yesterday by the CIO International Union of Electrical Workers in East Pittsburgh.

It was his first public appearance since he returned from Washington, D. C., where he "opened the lid" on Communist activities in Western Pennsylvania.

The large crowd of Westinghouse Electric Corp. workers jammed the East Pittsburgh High School auditorium and overflowed into classrooms where public address systems were installed.

Cvetic followed union leaders' talks in which members were informed of contract demands.

After the more than 1200 persons in the auditorium quieted down, Cvetic said:

"Thank God for carrying me through this tough assignment.

"I wish my mother could be here now to see her boy Matt whom she thought was lost."

NOT FOOLED——

He said that he was well up on the Communist line and "they never kidded" him a little. He added:

"The only interest they had in the old Westinghouse Electric union was to help overthrow the government.

"Their interest in you was dishonest. Why I even sat in your union office, used your equipment and money, to knock out Communist propaganda."

He said the Communist Party's greatest interest is in Western Pennsylvania. He added:

"Control coal, steel and electric and you control the country in the way they think.

"They have no honest interest in America. They only plan to use you. You know when I was with them, we took money right out of your treasury to support Communism."

NELSON CRACK——

He took a crack at Steve Nelson and other district Communists. He said:

"I attended a meeting with Steve Nelson and laid the plans for their victory in the United Electrical Workers Union last September.

"You know he's the fellow that called me a slacker. If he were here I would tell him that during the war he was on the West Coast selling atomic bomb secrets."

He told the members that the Russian line of thought would have to be "tossed" out of the country. He added:

"I believe in freedom. You are compelled to work in Russia.

"You know, I would be happy living in a city dump rather than living in Soviet Russia."

THREATS——

He said the Communists were "mad" at him because he unfolded their real interests in Pittsburgh. He said:

"Sure I have received some threatening telephone calls. That is just a joke to me."

Although he said he was still under subpena of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Cvetic told a joke about Russian secret police activities in the Pittsburgh district. He said:

"I was living in Hotel William Penn under the name of Bob Stanton. I met many times with secret Russian police in the same hotel.

"They would always lock the room, look under the bed and around all furniture. I asked them once why they did that. They told me:

'The FBI might be hiding here.'

"I should have told them one was standing right in front of them. You know, I almost did that to see what they would do."

SCRIPT READY——

Cvetic had a prepared script, and he refused to deviate from it. He said he was unable to name names until after he had finished with the Congressional committee.

In closing, Cvetic said the Communist Party "tricked" the American public into helping finance its local activities. He cited one example:

"The Communist Party and its various fronts always went to the aid of the minority groups. They would collect money to help them fight their battles.

"Don't believe that. They talked a good game. The money was never used to help anyone except the Communist Party itself."

He said to beware of the Communist line, adding:

"They don't have the honest interests of the trade unions at heart."

When the meeting broke up, Cvetic was escorted from the school building by two East Pittsburgh police.

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HE'S HERO NOW . . . Crowds surround Matt Cvetic (hatless, right center) as he enters East Pittsburgh High School to tell CIO International Union of Electrical Workers of his undercover work for the FBI which led to Communist activity revelations.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 20, 1950

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Rebulet 4/7/50, which enclosed a photostatic copy of an article columnist PETER EDSON which appeared in the "Washington News" of March 20, 1950, and set forth circumstances surrounding an alleged German or Nazi agent who was operating a radio transmitter in the hotel where CVETIC lived.

It is to be noted that no report submitted by CVETIC can be located which would confirm the above article. Likewise, no information regarding the apprehension by the Pittsburgh Office of a Nazi agent who operated a radio transmitter from a local hotel can be located in the Pittsburgh files and two Special Agents who were assigned to this office during the entire period of World War II do not recall any such incident. It would appear, therefore, that the above article has no basis in fact.

In this connection, and of possible interest to the Bureau, there are enclosed two photostatic copies of an article entitled, "Hero's Welcome Given Cvetic at Union Rally", which appeared on page two, columns four and five of the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" on March 20, 1950. The Bureau's attention is directed to paragraphs twenty-two - twenty-six of said article in which CVETIC is quoted as having said he had met many times with secret Russian police at the William Penn Hotel. It is noted that CVETIC furnished information regarding a CP National Group Conference held at Room 308 of Hotel Lincoln, New York City, on June 21, 1947. CVETIC advised that during the course of said meeting TOM BABIN and STEVE NELSON checked the telephone and wiring in Room 308 in an attempt to determine whether same were tapped.

In another report dated September 26, 1948, CVETIC set forth information concerning the Fourth American Slav Congress held at Chicago, Illinois, on September 24 - 26, 1948. CVETIC advised that on one occasion during the course of a caucus meeting in Room 509 of the Hotel Stevens in Chicago, CHARLES MUSIL, Financial Secretary of the American Slav Congress, stated that everyone should be careful of what they said because the FBI had all of the rooms tapped. CVETIC further advised that MUSIL apparently had no basis for this remark.

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It is to be noted that neither of the above meetings were held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that neither contained any reference to secret Russian police.

A thorough review of reports submitted by CVETIC to this office fails to reflect that he reported any meetings with secret Russian police at the William Penn Hotel or elsewhere. It is also noted that CVETIC has never identified any individual as being a member of the Russian secret police in reports which he has submitted to this office.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 2, 1950

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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On April 24, 1950, former CNDI [redacted] advised SA JOSEPH J. O'NEILL that on Thursday, April 20, 1950, at the invitation of Attorney HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, he appeared at a luncheon held at the downtown YMCA, Wood Street and Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, at which luncheon MATTHEW CVETIC appeared as a speaker.

[redacted] advised that CVETIC has written an article which is to appear in a June issue of the "Saturday Evening Post", which article CVETIC is alleged to have received $6000.00. [redacted] stated that following the luncheon a Mr. SALTZMAN (phonetic) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a representative of the "Saturday Evening Post", requested him to pose for a photograph with CVETIC and that he complied with his request. [redacted] further advised that SALTZMAN also showed him a pamphlet issued by the District 5, CP, captioned "What His Ex-wife Says About Matthew Cvetic, FBI Stool Pigeon and Labor Spy." b7D

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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SUBJECT: TESTIMONY OF MATTHEW CVETIC BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

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PURPOSE

To summarize the testimony of Cvetic which was given on February 21, 22, 23 and March 13, 14, 24, 1950, and entitled "Exposition of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania."

DETAILS

Cvetic testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities six full days and provided details of his activities in the Communist Party and numerous front groups. Very few references were made by him to the Bureau and for the most part these consisted in his stating that he furnished certain reports to the Bureau and he therefore could not testify to great length as he no longer had that particular information. Cvetic indicated that he did not retain copies of his reports. He did, however, keep notes and from these notes in his possession and records of the Civil Rights Congress, the American Slav Congress and Progressive Party, as well as personal knowledge, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Cvetic furnished his personal background and described how he first became involved in Party activities. He testified that in April 1941 while employed at the United States Employment Service he was approached by a "Government agency" and asked to volunteer his services to do undercover work. Cvetic said he met with "their agent" two or three times and as a result of those meetings agreed to take steps which would put him in a position to join the Communist Party for the purpose of furnishing the FBI with reports on Communist Party activities. He then explained how he developed his friendship with a fellow employee in the Employment Service who was a member of the Communist Party. According to Cvetic, he was actually recruited in the Communist Party by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and assigned to a professional branch. Due to Cvetic's Slovenian background he quickly rose in that field and became Secretary of the Slovene Commission of the Communist Party, USA. He described how he rose from minor positions of a local type to become a member of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. In view of his background he eventually became a member of the Executive Board of the American Slav Congress and was a member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, USA.

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Much of Cvetic's testimony was concerned with the organizational structure of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania and at every opportunity he was requested to identify individuals as members of the Communist Party if he knew such to be a fact. Cvetic testified that since 1948 all lists and records were ordered destroyed for security reasons by the Party and he said his own records he turned over to the FBI. The Pittsburgh Office is being requested to verify this statement. When Cvetic testified to that fact, the Committee counsel asked him if he were paid by the FBI for his services in his undercover work. Cvetic replied, "Yes. I was a paid undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation." The Committee counsel inquired of Cvetic as to whether Steve Nelson, District Organizer, had ever discussed Russia's knowledge of atom secrets or the Communist Party's successes in China. Cvetic testified that Nelson told him, "We have the atom bomb now and the enemy won't be in such a God damn hurry to start a war." According to Cvetic when Nelson said the "enemy" he was referring to the United States Government. With regard to China, Nelson allegedly told Cvetic, "We should take all the help in money, machinery and material from the enemy" and here again Cvetic said "enemy" refers to the United States - "as this will hasten the day here." Cvetic said when Nelson referred to help he was talking about help for the new People's Government in China. The above statements, according to Cvetic, were made within the past year and he furnished them to the FBI.

In his testimony, Cvetic was requested to tell the Committee the efforts of the Party to indoctrinate the rank and file with Communist philosophy and teachings and the manner in which such is done. Cvetic testified that most of the theory of the Party is taught in classes and as the line changes the teachings are made to conform. He said that at the national convention in 1945 as a result of the "Duclos letter" the teachings of Browder who advocated a peaceful transmission to Socialism were thrown out and were replaced once more by the teachings of Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Engels. Cvetic then quoted from speakers at the national convention whose words were carried to district and branch meetings, "We must again become the party of the working class, the party of struggle. We must educate the workers to their correct role in this struggle and establish in the United States a dictatorship of the proletariat." Cvetic testified that the above quotation was taken from an official document and he turned over the document to the FBI.

In addition to the above, Cvetic testified that he submitted to the FBI copies of the official document of the Cominform which is called the organ of the Information Bureau of the Communist and Workers' Parties, "For a Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy." With regard to this bulletin, Cvetic testified that the American Communist receives his orders from the Kremlin through the Cominform and cited as an example the Secretary of the French Communist Party, Duclos, who was instrumental in bringing about the Party line change in 1945.

One complete session of Cvetic's testimony was taken up with his identification and elaboration of a group of documents obtained by the Committee by a subpoena from the Pittsburgh Police Department. The Police obtained them as the result of an accident in which a New York licensed automobile struck a safety pylon in Pittsburgh on February 25, 1950. The documents were found in the vehicle and related to the Labor Youth League of Western Pennsylvania. Before the Committee subpoenaed these documents they were made available to our Pittsburgh Division and photostats have been sent by Pittsburgh to our New York Office which is Office of origin in the case involving the Labor Youth League. Cvetic testified that the Labor Youth League has been developed by the Communist Party to recruit high school and college students and is a genuine Communist front organization. Among these documents was a breakdown of the membership of the League by states, financial status and considerable data of interest.

The remainder of Cvetic's testimony was concerned with his identification and explanation of a considerable number of documents brought by Cvetic under the subpoena which was served on him by the Committee. These records were maintained at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, to which Cvetic had access. The records related to the Civil Rights Congress, the American Slav Congress and the Progressive Party. Cvetic testified that the District Secretary of the Party told Milo Mamula, Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, to remove the records and Mamula told Cvetic to destroy them. Cvetic did not destroy them and brought them to the Committee.

REFERENCES IN THE TESTIMONY TO OUR INFORMANTS

In previous memoranda concerning Cvetic's testimony, it was pointed out that inadvertently he revealed the names of many other individuals acting at that time in a confidential capacity for the Pittsburgh Division. It will also be recalled that this matter was brought to the attention of the Department and a protest was made to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In reviewing Cvetic's actual testimony in the very early stages he described meetings held at 440 Wood Street, third floor, and when that building was torn down, meetings at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh. In describing the premises at 440 Wood Street, Cvetic stated that they were under the control of George Dietze and when the building was torn down Dietze obtained new quarters at 943 Liberty Avenue. Dietze, of course, was our informant and the mention of his name caused Dietze to rush to his own defense and publicly state he was also working for the FBI. Of the other individuals mentioned none have come forward and revealed their Bureau connection. The names of these persons are set forth as follows:

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With regard to [redacted]

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ACTION

Cvetic in his testimony inadvertently mentioned the names of a number of individuals serving in a confidential capacity for the Bureau and this matter has been the subject of previous memoranda. He stated that he was an undercover agent of the FBI which undoubtedly has given a wrong impression to people unfamiliar with the manner in which the Bureau operates. Cvetic should more properly have stated he was an informant. He also testified that he did not retain copies of his reports but merely had certain notes in his possession which he used to refresh his memory. Each time Cvetic stated he had furnished certain reports has been set out above and the Pittsburgh Office is being requested to check Cvetic's reports to verify his testimony. For approval there is attached an appropriate letter to Pittsburgh.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/11/50

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Informant [redacted]

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Rebulet and enclosure, 5/8/50, requesting information re JOHN RUSIN of 44 Curtain Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., reportedly a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, who will be expelled if CVETIC is able to give testimony to the effect that RUSIN has been and is a member of the CP.

It is noted that there is no Curtain Avenue in the city of Pittsburgh. The JOHN RUSIN mentioned in rebulet and enclosure is undoubtedly identical with the JOHN RUSIN identified as a CP member by CVETIC during the course of the latter's testimony before the HCUA.

RUSIN, subject of the case entitled "JOHN DANIEL RUSIN, wa. JOHN RUSZKIN, SECURITY MATTER - C" (Bufile 100-311596), is managing editor of "Ludove Noviny," Slovak weekly newspaper which follows the CP line, 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa., and he resides at 404 Curtin Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

DEFERRED PROSECUTION

It is noted that CVETIC has reported on many occasions that RUSIN attended meetings of the National Groups Commission of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, as well as other closed CP meetings.

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The Bureau has received a copy of Cvetic's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and in this testimony it has been noted that he did not retain copies of his reports and for that reason allegedly could not elaborate on certain points in his testimony.

There is attached a pamphlet containing this testimony and you are requested to review Cvetic's administrative file to determine whether he did, in fact, furnish to your Office reports as he so testified. The references in the testimony are contained on pages 1236, 1256, 1259, 1269. On page 1271 you will note that Cvetic testified concerning approximately eighty pounds of records which he brought with him in response to the subpoena from the Committee. These are records of the Civil Rights Congress, the American Slav Congress and the Progressive Party which were maintained at 943 Liberty Avenue. You are requested to advise whether your Office has had the benefit of the information contained in these records before they were subpoenaed with Cvetic by the Committee. You are also requested to have the attached pamphlet reviewed to determine whether any of Cvetic's testimony is at variance with his activity as known to your Office and which was on your behalf. The matters referred to in this communication should be handled as soon as possible and the Bureau advised in the premises. The enclosed pamphlet should be returned to the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 1, 1950

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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The following article, which appeared on Page 1, Columns 2-3, of the February 23, 1950, issue of the Ludove Noviny, Communist line Slovak newspaper, published at 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa., is furnished for your information.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNIST PARTY REGARDING M. CVETIC, A SPY

"The Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania issued the following statement regarding MATT CVETIC, the spy:

"'Big manufacturers have launched a campaign against the miners' just demands, in which connection they are also trying to break up the Communist Party. For that reason they were able to buy a cheap spy in the person of MATT CVETIC who would help them attain their purposes. Their hand with CVETIC was forced because he knew the Communist Party was ready to unmask him as a Judas. CVETIC's statements were really not against the Communist Party but for ex-Congressman MC DOWELL whom the CP helped to defeat in 1948. The reactionary politician Judge BLAIR F. GUNTHER is using CVETIC for his own publicity purposes fearing that he will meet the same fate at the polls as MC DOWELL did. Friends of labor, and liberals in general, will ignore the hysterical appeal of MATT CVETIC. Besides, MATT CVETIC is a draft-dodger, having stayed at home while others went out to fight on the field of battle abroad. The name of CVETIC is the name of a spy, which is something repugnant to every American. We are sure the American people will not permit the destruction of American democracy under the guise of anti-Communist hysteria.'"

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PURPOSE

To advise of the receipt by the Bureau of another letter addressed to Matthew Cvetic. This latest letter was from [redacted] Benwood, West Virginia.

DETAILS

The letter from [redacted] is set forth as follows:

"Dear Sir

Please take my name off that communist list if you have it on it.

I never was a communist and never will be.

Its true that I signed that paper for Wallace to run for President I thought I was just helping someone out. But I dident vote for him.

I think Mr. Truman is one of our best Presidents and he really has a tough job.

/s/ [redacted]
Benwood, W.Va "

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ACTION

Bureau files contain no record of [redacted] and it is suggested that the attached letter to Pittsburgh be transmitted advising that office of the receipt at the Bureau of this communication.

The letter to Cvetic was re-mailed to him without any clarifying communication from the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 5, 1950

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

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FORMER CNDI [redacted]

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The following article, which appeared on Page 3, Columns 3-4, of the March 1, 1950, issue of the Slobodna Rec, Communist line Serbian newspaper, published at 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa., is furnished for your information.

ALWAYS SPIES AND STOOLPIGEONS IN LABOR MOVEMENT

"I see the name of MATT CVETIC got into the headlines to the effect that he got into the Communist Party with the understanding of the FBI. Well, such an incident is nothing new in the labor movement. There were always low-down elements who slipped into the labor movement to spy on labor and the poor people. I also noted that CVETIC as a spy wormed his way into the American Slav Congress and the Wallace Progressive Party which he falsely accused of being under the domination of the Communist Party. The world will keep progressing and will not turn back for stoolpigeons and such-like people. The cause of progress is supported by all mankind, because that is the only cause that has something nice to offer mankind. The American Slav Congress is for cooperation with all democratic and peace-loving groups and people for the welfare of the people and world peace."

MARKO J. MURISICH
San Francisco, Calif.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 2, 1950

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

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FORMER CNDI [redacted]

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The following article, which appeared on Page 1, Columns 3-4, of the February 22, 1950, issue of the Slobodna Rec, Communist line Serbian newspaper, published at 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa., is furnished for your information.

MATT CVETIC WAS SPY IN COMMUNIST PARTY

"The Pittsburgh Press is going all out telling its readers how MATT CVETIC, of Slovene descent, was a stoolpigeon of the FBI in the Communist Party. CVETIC last Saturday announced that he 'voluntarily' revealed himself, the Communist Party leaders in Pittsburgh issued statements to the local papers claiming that CVETIC ran to the newspapers and the Congressional un-American Activities Committee when he saw that the CP leaders were catching up with him.

"The capitalists have for years been exploiting such types for their own purposes against labor. It is then no wonder that now when miners are conducting a decisive struggle for their just demands and when the rest of labor for the most part is creating a solid front with the miners, the economic royalists through banner headlines and scoops in the papers are using various CVETICS for the purpose of undoing the unity of American workers in connection with the miners' struggle.

"CVETIC and his ilk as reptiles of the rich are used against labor unions and every movement in the interest of the people. Reaction wants to mislead the people so they would rack their brains about various CVETICS and so they would think less about their everyday needs. Through various CVETICS they'd like to scare the people with a red hunt while five million workers are without a job and the economic situation of the people is daily getting worse. They'd like to have the people occupy themselves with the story about some sort of danger and to forget real dangers concerning the economic crisis and the danger of war. 100-372409-177

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"Reaction has tried in the past through its underlings like CVETIC to rouse the people, and each time the people have thwarted their efforts. Labor even this time will not be misled but will all the harder fight against the flouting of the Constitution for the preservation of hard-won gains of the American people."

firmly fixed anxiety neurosis, being unjustifiably convinced that he suffered from heart disease. This anxiety had no basis in fact, although Cvetic at the time did evidence some heart palpitation. It was reiterated by Dr. Malcolm that after the condition was rectified, Cvetic's periodic visits to him should not be construed as unusual since Cvetic sought reassurance with regard to recurring doubts about his heart.

The records at the Allegheny County Court House reflect that Carlo Cvetic on July 5, 1933, charged Matthew Cvetic with nonsupport of herself and their two children. As a result of a hearing on this charge, Cvetic was ordered to pay his wife $50 per month for support of her and the children. On two occasions in the next year it was necessary for Mrs. Cvetic to return to Court to force him to make additional payments. Finally on April 27, 1939, it was shown at a hearing that a reconciliation had been effected.

On March 24, 1939, an Information charging aggravated assault and battery was filed by Anna L. Marsh to the effect that on February 16, 1939, Matthew Cvetic "did unlawfully and maliciously make an assault and with force and violence did beat, abuse and wound Anna Marsh by throwing himself on her shoulders and violently throwing her to the floor, fracturing her wrist on the right hand." Anna L. Marsh is the sister-in-law of Matthew Cvetic. He was indicted on the above charge which was later nolle prossed on condition Cvetic make restitution in the sum of $340, which was done.

On January 17, 1946, Carlo D. Cvetic was granted a divorce from Matthew C. Cvetic, which action was uncontested. The divorce was granted on the grounds that Matthew Cvetic had offered such indignities to his wife as to render her condition intolerable and her life burdensome. Testimony indicated Matthew Cvetic had called his wife obscene names, refused to take her to any public place, and allegedly kept company with other women.

As an indication of the character of Cvetic, the following incident is set forth: On December 8, 1949, one Mrs. William Johns, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who was incoherent and apparently under the influence of liquor, telephonically informed our Pittsburgh Office that one Robert Stanton had been drinking heavily and divulging confidential information on Communism. She said Stanton claimed to be an FBI Agent and counter-spy in charge of the Eastern Seaboard; that he was carrying a revolver and threatened to blow her head off if she called the FBI. Mrs. Johns said Stanton occupied Room 721 in the William Penn Hotel and furnished a description of him. Cvetic had

been using a cover name of Robert Stanton and at that time was living in Room 721 at the William Penn Hotel. Inquiries at the Hotel disclosed that Cvetic was also known by another individual as "an undercover FBI Agent." Cvetic had told this other individual that he knew all the leading Communists in Pittsburgh and worked directly under Mr. Hoover in Washington, D. C.

On the basis of these indiscretions, Cvetic's services were shortly terminated. Since Cvetic has been discontinued his activities have received wide publicity, but there is a personal item which may have a bearing in the event he is ever used as a witness.

Through his marriage Cvetic has twin sons, one of whom has been a Musician Second Class in the United States Navy. In connection with an investigation by the Office of Naval Intelligence, Cvetic's son, Richard Francis Cvetic, furnished ONI on March 9, 1950, a signed statement admitting homosexual practices. At that time Richard Cvetic was assigned to the Naval Receiving Station, Anacostia, and was subsequently dismissed from the Service.

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Re: MATTHEW C. CVETIC

Matthew C. Cvetic was born on March 4, 1909, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and he has resided at Pittsburgh and surrounding communities his entire life. After attending local parochial schools he was employed in various clerical positions until 1936 when he obtained a job as a clerk-typist with the WPA and statistician in the Departments of Commerce, Labor and Justice. From December, 1937, until December, 1945, he was employed by the United States Department of Labor as an employment interviewer in the War Manpower Commission.

During this latter employment in April, 1941, he was contacted and his cooperation elicited in furnishing information of interest concerning Communist activities and Communist front organizations. About twenty months after being contacted he joined the Communist Party of his own volition in February, 1943, when he immediately became active in a professional branch and was later transferred to Slav work for the Party.

From that time until January, 1950, Cvetic furnished considerable information of value for which he was paid. He attained numerous positions in the Party, most notable of which were membership on the Nationality Commission, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Communist Party - USA; participating member of the Nationality Commission, Communist Party - USA; Secretary of the Slavic Bureau, Communist Party - USA; and Executive Committee member of the American Slav Congress. In 1945 he left his position as employment interviewer with the United States Employment Service and held various positions for Slavic groups until 1948. In November of that year he became an insurance salesman which was utilized principally as a cover for his activity on our behalf.

Cvetic on February 11, 1949, was interviewed by a Special Assistant to the Attorney General in New York City as a possible witness in the trial of the eleven Communist leaders. He was not used in the trial as a witness.

Personal Background:

Cvetic has been a patient of Dr. John M. Malcolm, Psychiatrist, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for many years, but Dr. Malcolm has advised that Cvetic is mentally sound and has no condition or illness which would affect credibility. Dr. Malcolm said in 1933 Cvetic had been a victim of a

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Mr. A. H. Belmont June 12, 1950

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Reference is made to the memorandum of June 2, 1950, from Mr. Rosen to Mr. Ladd captioned as above. b6 b7C b7D

There are attached blind memoranda on Matthew C. Cvetic, former Pittsburgh informant, and [redacted] former New York informant.

[redacted] whose real name is [redacted] has never been a Bureau informant and has only recently been interviewed through the cooperation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for whom he is now working. No memorandum is attached regarding Baker, and as far as the Security Division is concerned, there is no reason why an Applicant investigation may not be conducted. b6 b7C

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/7/50

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, Pittsburgh
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Former CNDI [redacted]

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The Bureau is requested to advise this office as expeditiously as possible of its desires with regard to the proposed [redacted] of CVETIC concerning specific information furnished by him regarding the [redacted]

SAC, Pittsburgh

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Director, FBI

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FORMER CNDI [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 14, 1950

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CNDI [redacted]

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The following article, which appeared on Page 2, Column 1, of the February 27, 1950, issue of the Narodni Glasnik, Communist line Croatian newspaper, published at 1916 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa., is furnished for your information.

CVETIC THE SPY AND THE MINERS

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"What type of black, anti-labor and anti-national forces are hiding behind CVETIC the spy was confirmed in Washington last Thursday when before the Un-American Committee he stated that the 'Communists are trying to prolong the mine strike by giving the miners food and the Daily Worker to read'. As soon as CVETIC opened his mouth through the newspapers it was obvious that his bosses' purpose is to weaken labor, to impede progress of the ever-broadening front for peace and for aid to the striking miners from the public in general. The Big Trusts are using CVETIC to confuse the public and thus to break the strike, to thwart the just aspirations of labor. Let no one be fooled into believing that spies like CVETIC are planted in the Communist Party for the purpose of learning something, to watch the Communists - because the Communist Party is an open book. Read its Daily Worker and you'll learn everything about the Communists. Guys like CVETIC are planted in the Communist Party for the purpose of weakening the mighty labor front. That has been done elsewhere. Reactionaries don't want the Daily Worker or the Communists to help the miners. The Truman administration should go after the Trusts instead of planting stoolpigeons and spies in the labor unions. It should put its paid spies to work within the Trusts and other anti-labor organizations."

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